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Q1. In which state or territory are you/your organisation based?

- ACT
- NSW
- Victoria
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Western Australia
- Tasmania
- Northern Australia
- Overseas (Please Specify:)

Note: For organisations with offices at more than one location please tick the state or territory where your head office is located.

Q2. Are you completing this questionnaire as a private individual or as a representative of an organisation?

- Private individual – not representing any organisation
- Representative of an organisation

Q3. Which sector best describes your organisation?

- Government Sector – Federal
- Government Sector – State
- Government Sector – Local
- Private sector (fewer than 20 employees)
- Private sector (20 or more employees)
- Other (please specify):

Views on the proposal to enhance the 2006 Population Census dataset

Proposal 1

The ABS is proposing to create the Statistical Longitudinal Census Dataset (SLCD) by:

- combining data from the 2006 Census with data from future censuses; and
- combining data from the 2001 Census with data from the 2006 Census.

Data would be brought together without using name and address, using statistical techniques. Name and address would be destroyed after census processing. The SLCD would be for statistical use only and no identifiable data would be released from the ABS.

The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Section 2.

Q4. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 1 if 2006 Census data are combined with data from future censuses?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q5. What are your reasons?

DSDI's mission is to drive the economic development of Queensland. DSDI supports the SLCD concept and is an existing user of Census data and products. DSDI would be particularly interested in longitudinal data on basic demography (especially internal migration and skills migration), Labour Force (especially industry) and Transport data items.

The data would assist in regional and industrial development policy analysis, implementation and review exercises conducted by the Department.

Q6. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 1 if 2001 Census data are combined with data from the 2006 Census?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q7. What are your reasons?

As for Q5.

In addition, the anticipation of 'linked' 2001 and 2006 data would provide us with great

opportunities to conduct ex-post analysis of policies.

Proposal 2

The ABS is proposing to make the SLCD available for use in conjunction with other ABS statistical collections, such as ABS household surveys, using statistical techniques. Use would be for statistical purposes only, with no identifiable data released outside the ABS.

The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Section 3.

Q8. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 2?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q9. What are your reasons?

As for Q5 and Q7.

In addition, DSDI uses existing ABS surveys, especially industry and business surveys, and would welcome the linking of Census data with these surveys.

Proposal 3

The ABS is proposing to make the SLCD available for use, in conjunction with selected non-ABS datasets. These datasets are birth and death register data, long-term immigration data and national disease registers. This would involve using statistical techniques to bring the datasets together. Use would be for statistical purposes only, and no identifiable data would be released from the ABS.

The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Chapter 4.

Q10. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 3?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q11. What are your reasons?

As for Q5, Q7 and Q9.

In addition, DSDI would be interested in linking ABS Census data with long-term immigration data. This sort of data may be useful for our business migration and foreign investment policies.

Proposal 4

(a) The ABS is proposing to use name and address information, available at the time of census processing, to bring together the 2006 Population Census data with the ABS' 2006 Agricultural Census.

Name and address information used in combining the data would be destroyed on completion of census processing. The dataset would be used for statistical purposes only, and no identifiable data would be released from the ABS.

The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Section 5.

Q12. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 4(a) if the ABS used 2006 Population Census data with 2006 Agricultural Census data?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q13. What are your reasons?

We support this proposal, particularly if an indication of the percentage of 'hobby farmers' could be established. Also, plans for succession would be useful information as the average age of farmers increases.

(b) For quality studies and other particular statistical studies, the ABS proposes to consider the use of name and address information available at the time of census processing to bring together 2006 Population Census data with other selected datasets, namely ABS household surveys, birth and death register data, long-term immigration data and national disease register data.

Any datasets created for these statistical studies would be kept for a limited time and destroyed after completion of each project. Census name and address information would be destroyed on completion of census processing. No identifiable data would be released from the ABS.

The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Section 5.

Q14. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 4(b) if the ABS used 2006 Population Census data with these additional datasets?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q15. What are your reasons?

Any extra or more detailed information would be welcome.

Privacy and Confidentiality

The ABS abides by a range of privacy and confidentiality provisions. These are discussed in Section 6 of the Discussion Paper.

Q16. Are there any additional procedures or protocols you would like the ABS to consider?

No.

Statistical user requirements

Q17. If the ABS adopted any of these proposals, would you, or your organisation, be likely to apply to use the SLCD, either in its own right or in conjunction with one of the other datasets specified in the Discussion Paper?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q18. If yes, what types of projects would you use the datasets for, why would you need the SLCD (or a combination of the SLCD and other datasets) and if known, which data items would you need?

DSDI is an existing user of Census data and products, particularly the Census Community Profiles. DSDI uses this data towards such projects as:
Regional economic profile reports, Regional development plans and initiatives, and Industrial cluster measurements and evaluations.

DSDI would be particularly interested in longitudinal data on basic demography (especially internal migration). Labour force (especially industry) and transport data items.

General comments

Q19. Do you have any other comments on the proposal to enhance the census dataset?

DSDI gives broad support to the proposals. Any extra information would be useful and as a general rule, the more information available the better.