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### Preliminary information

**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?**

provide relevant and useful trend analysis

### **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?**

This will 'kick-start' the enhancement of the use of the census data and provide some tentative and early results

### 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?**

Provide greater depth of analysis/trends. Helps government make better plans

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 in proposal 2

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?**

as above, provided privacy issues are dealt with

(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?**

as above

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?**

public access to the audit reports

## 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?**

## General comments

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

1. there is no reference to whether the government bodies (in different countries) have similar enhancement census data sets.

2. 4 Yes, it would be helpful to know to what extent

a) the objectives have been met

b) what issues and problems arose

c) what users (public/private) have been made of the enhancement

d) what lessons should Australia learn

3. If NO why does the ABS believe it will work if no other countries have not implemented this enhancement

4. How much will this additional enhancement cost. IT support, programmers, testing, analysis, collating etc.

How is this cost to be justified to the Tax payers of Australia.