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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?**

The information will indicate trends that will be useful for planning for future Council services and for lobbying for new and/or growth in Government Funded Services.

### **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 per Q5

### 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?**

Information about health related behaviors and health risk factors in the general population would be useful for health education programs and planning service delivery.

Comparisons with population changes and home ownership rates changes would be useful to map future housing growth patterns.

Household income comparisons with age ranges will assist in estimating demands on aged care services, Council provided Independent Living / aged accommodation, by understanding the level of self-funded retirees and their movements into rural communities.

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?**

Identifying common factors shared, for example, by a group of people who died from a certain disease may lead to more strategic education campaigns and result in improved quality of life. May also identify environmentally induced health risks e.g. brain tumors and power stations localities.

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?**

This information may be useful to evaluate program and policy decisions on a broad scale. For a local government area, industry specific information will be useful.

The age of landholders who buy and sell agricultural property would be useful for regional NRM bodies, in determining strategies and programs which encourage change or improved land management.

May also indicate "sea changers/trees changers" movements in relation to hobby farms and their impacts on communities. If there can be comparisons in addresses given on each census i.e. 2001 and 2006.

(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?**

Survival rates from diseases or survival rates specific to regions may be useful in directing health services and education programs.

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?**

Centrelink benefits recipients and LGA data sets.

Disability (including frail aged disabilities) and LGA data sets. To map need for adaptable community housing stock.

Childcare payment recipients and service users in an LGA.

Transport user groups and rural population groups - to map need for local community transport services.

Movement of rural residents to access GPs and dental services - Health Services and LGA populations data sets.

Comparisons between Census's participants postcodes and incomes to identify patterns in down-sizing / sea change movements.

## General comments

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

There is an issue with boundary changes in NSW LGA's. The amalgamation changes will throw out the comparisons of data sets for LGA's in 2001 and 2006 Census's. Collection districts no longer relate to the new boundaries as at March 2005.