



## Enhancing the Population Census: Developing a Longitudinal View

Please submit your views on the Discussion Paper, *2006 Census of Population and Housing: Enhancing the Population Census : Developing a Longitudinal View* (ABS cat. no. 2060.0) using this questionnaire. Read the Discussion Paper and familiarise yourself with the ABS proposals before completing the questionnaire.

You can also read the Discussion Paper and complete this questionnaire at our web site <[www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)>.

### Due date

Return your completed questionnaire to Rosalie Butler, Census Field Organisation, Locked Bag 10, Belconnen ACT, 2616 by **10 June 2005**.

### Help available

If you have any problems completing this questionnaire, contact Rosalie Butler on (02) 6252 6294 or email [rosalie.butler@abs.gov.au](mailto:rosalie.butler@abs.gov.au)

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### Authorisation

The ABS may need to make public reference to the information provided in your submission. If you agree to this, please sign the Authorisation to Release below.

By signing here, I agree that the ABS can release or publicly refer to the information provided in this submission as a statement of your or your organisation's, requirements or views on the relevant issues.

Signature of person giving authorisation:

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**Preliminary information**

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

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

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ACT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>
NSW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tasmania	<input type="checkbox"/>
Victoria	<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Territory	<input type="checkbox"/>
Queensland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Overseas (please specify _____)	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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

Private individual – not representing any organisation  
Representative of an organisation or government department

Please tick

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**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):  
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## Views on the proposal to enhance the 2006 Population Census

### Proposal 1

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

- o combining data from the 2006 Census with data from future censuses; and
- o 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?**

Please tick

- Yes .....
- No .....
- Don't know .....

**Q5. What are your reasons?**

Yes - but it is assumed this is in addition to current analysis - not to replace current analysis.

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

Please tick

- Yes .....
- No .....
- Unsure/Don't know .....

**Q7. What are your reasons?**

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?**

Please tick

- Yes .....
- No .....
- Don't know .....

**Q9. What are your reasons?**

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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 Section 4.

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

Please tick

- Yes .....
- No .....
- Don't know .....

**Q11. What are your reasons?**

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Proposal 4

(a) The ABS is proposing to use name and address information available at the time of census processing to bring together 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 Chapter 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?**

Please tick

Yes .....

No .....

Don't know .....

**Q13. What are your reasons?**

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(b) For quality studies and other specific 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 registers.

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?**

Please tick

Yes .....

No .....

Don't know .....

Q15. What are your reasons?

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**Privacy and Confidentiality**

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

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

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**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 this Discussion Paper?

Yes .....	<i>possibly</i> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No .....	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know .....	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tick

Q18. If yes:

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

If there is insufficient space, please attach a separate sheet.

See it being useful overtime - maybe not just 2001/2006, but in say 2016 it would be very useful. We may not purchase the information in the short term, but are likely to purchase after you have several Censuses linked together.

**General comments**

**Q19. Have you any other comments on the proposals to enhance the population census dataset?**

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**What next?**

Information from this submission will be used to inform the Australian Statistician about the reaction from the Australian public, census data users and other interested people, to the proposals being considered. An 'in principle' decision on whether to proceed with any part of these proposals will be made by June 2005. A final decision will depend on community support and the legislative process. You will be notified of the decision.

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE**