

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS ACT 1975: sub-section 6(3)

PROPOSAL NO. 2 OF 2015

BY

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

VINEYARDS CENSUS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information for the purpose of informing decision making in relation to the viticulture industry.

The information will be collected:

- from May to August 2015;
- from businesses recorded in the ABS Business Register;
- as a census of approximately 9,000 businesses undertaking viticultural activity;
- by self-enumeration (mail-out/mail-back or electronic form); and
- across all states and territories of Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- area and production for selected red and white wine grape varieties;
- sources and use of water for wine grape production; and
- business information, including name, address and Australian Business Number (ABN).

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation of *Vineyards, Australia, 2015* (cat no. 1329.0.55.002).

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available in October 2015.

The principal user of the information the ABS produces will be:

- Australian Grape and Wine Authority (AGWA) for the purpose of meeting their required functions under the Australian Grape and Wine Authority Act 2013.

To assist in determining the feasibility of the collection and to understand and manage respondent burden the ABS has:

- has considered what existing information is available;
- has consulted with AGWA as the peak industry body;
- has conducted field testing to ensure the required data are readily available and that provider load will be minimised; and
- will be required to obtain final approval for the collection through the Statistical Clearing House (provisional approval number 00352-16).

This collection was last conducted in 2012 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No.2 of 2010.

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