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SURVEY OF MOTOR VEHICLE USE

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information for the purpose of informing on motor vehicle use in Australia.

The information will be collected:

- from June 2015 on a biennial basis (each collection will consist of 3 collection periods spanning 4 months);
- from registered owners of vehicles;
- as a sample of about 16,000 private and commercial registered vehicles;
- by self-enumeration (electronic form or mail-out/mail-back); and
- across Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- make, model and other characteristics of the vehicle;
- type of fuel used and average fuel consumption;
- distance travelled by region and purpose;
- type of freight and loads carried;
- trailer use; and
- driver characteristics including age, sex and age when first obtained specified driver's licence.

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation of *Survey of Motor Vehicle Use, Australia (cat. no. 9208.0)*.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available approximately 10 months after the end of the reference period.

The principal users of the information the ABS produces will be state, territory and Commonwealth agencies, including the:

- state/territory transport authorities;
- National Transport Commission;
- Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics; and
- Commonwealth Grants Commission.

The information will inform:

- allocation of funds for road development;
- the design and construction of highways;
- understanding and modelling Australia's transport industry at Australia, State and regional levels;
- regulation of road transport operators;
- decisions on road user charges;
- measurement of growth rates in road use, mobility and traffic congestion; and
- prediction of likely future vehicle use and road transport demand and assessment of future road infrastructure investment needs.

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

- has considered what existing information is available;
- has consulted with Commonwealth, state and territory road and transport agencies;
- has been extensively field tested to ensure that the required data are readily available; and
- has cleared the collection through the Statistical Clearing House as approval number 00180-05.

This collection was last conducted in 2014 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No.34 of 2013.

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