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WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SERVICES SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to continue conducting the Water Supply and Sewerage Services Survey. This collection was last conducted in 2014-15 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal no. 20 of 2013.

The survey will be conducted from a sample of approximately 350 business/organisations across Australia by electronic forms. Administrative data will be used to supplement the directly collected estimates.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including income and expenses (including capital expenditure) relevant to water supply services, volumes of water extracted, used and supplied, environmental flows of water, and reuse and sewerage services relating to water.

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 industry bodies & businesses
- field tested to ensure data is readily available
- will be required to clear the collection through the Statistical Clearing House

The purpose of the survey is to provide statistics on the water extracted, supplied and discharged by the water supply and sewerage services industry in Australia.

The principal users of the survey will be Federal and State Government agencies, Government research organisations, state and territory water and pricing regulatory authorities, and the water supply industry. The results are also used by the ABS in the compilation of the Australian Environment Accounts.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available in late 2017.

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