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Dear Ms Lilley

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the exposure draft of the *Census and Statistics (Information Release and Access) Determination 2018* (the determination).

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the department) works closely with the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on a number of data-centric initiatives. This sees both agencies share and use data to undertake research and analysis and provide advice to inform decision makers on issues affecting Australia's agriculture, fisheries, forestry and water industries.

The department welcomes and strongly supports greater sharing of the data that the government holds in an appropriate manner. The department is supportive of the proposed changes to the determination and looks forward to its implementation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to make a submission on this important initiative.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Georgilas', written over a light blue circular stamp.

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