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Dear Ms Lilley

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft of the Census and Statistics (Information Release and Access) Determination 2018.

The Department of the Environment and Energy does not have any issues with the draft, and I would like to commend both the Australian Bureau of Statistics and The Treasury in modernising this determination. Many of these changes will enable the Australian Government to use statistical information to make decisions and understand the impacts of policy changes, while maintaining strict controls that prevent breaches of individual's privacy.

I look forward to continuing to develop the relationship between the ABS and the Department, maximising the use and value of statistical information, and taking advantage of technological innovations that allow the safe sharing and analysis of data.

Yours sincerely

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