

Foreword



This is the fourth edition of the *Progress in Australian Regions – Yearbook*.

The Yearbook charts the development of Australia’s regions over time. The aim is to provide governments, planners, community leaders, academics and other stakeholders with information to answer the question of how our regions are progressing against economic, social, environmental and governance measures.

This fourth edition provides updated information on previous Yearbooks (where available), and incorporates new indicators, to provide a consistent measure of progress in Australia’s regions over time.

In this edition, new data from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing has been included which will provide significant additional insight into the changing nature of Australia’s regions.

This data will be available on both the Australian Government data site (data.gov.au) and the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics website (bitre.gov.au), to provide easy access – including data by Local Government Areas (LGA). We anticipate this will be a useful tool for those working at smaller geographic scales.

We trust that this edition continues to be of value to regional stakeholders around the country.

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