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| Sourcing and using improved business location data on the ABS Business Register |

**Abstract**

All Australian businesses undertaking production are required to register for an Australian Business Number (ABN) for inclusion on the ABR owned by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Registrants are required to self-code their business location states at the time of registration. While the address information provided at registration is suitable for ATO purposes it does not support detailed statistical analysis of where businesses are operating and understanding the economic profile of a region. It may be their registered address such as a tax agent. Furthermore, each ABN unit has a single state even if they are in multiple locations across one or more states.

The ABS is uplifting the quality of business locations on the ABS Address Register by enhancing the data from the ATO and creating unique ABN unit-cadastre pairs, where a cadastre is a legal land parcel. This will support geospatial enablement of the data set.  Enhanced business location information is derived from multiple different administrative data sources and will be maintained across time.

This paper describes the problem faced by the ABS, the planned strategy to develop a comprehensive longitudinal ABN unit-cadastre business location dataset and how this is being used across the ABS and by external clients, and how it may be integrated into the ABS Business Register.