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PREFACE

Year Book Australia is the principal reference work produced by the Central Office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). It provides a comprehensive and detailed statistical review of various aspects of the economy and social conditions in Australia. In addition, it contains descriptive matter dealing with Australia's history, government, international relations, defence, climate, physiography, culture and environment.

The first *Official Year Book of the Commonwealth* was published early in 1908, although individual Australian States and colonies had been producing year books for several decades before that. *Year Book Australia 1989* is issued under the authority of the Commonwealth Government and follows a similar pattern to past issues. However, chapters have been revised and new material added.

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- n.y.a. not yet available
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- . . not applicable
- n.p. not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable)
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- r figures or series revised since previous issue
- n.e.i. not elsewhere included
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- break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)
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