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FIELD COUNT STATEMENT NO. 1 - POPULATION: STATES AND TERRITORIES OF AUSTRALIA

This statement contains preliminary results of the 1971 Census of Population and Housing. It shows the population of the States and Territories of Australia together with comparative final figures for the previous Census taken in 1966. The figures have been compiled during the taking of the Census by field personnel and are subject to amendment.

At the 1966 Census, in conformity with Section 127 of the Constitution, Aborigines were excluded from the published population. In 1967 the Constitution was altered to remove this provision, and the 1971 Census therefore includes Aborigines. In order to provide comparability between the two censuses the 1966 population in this statement has been amended to include Aborigines and therefore differs from the 1966 population previously published.

TABLE 1. - POPULATION : STATES AND TERRITORIES OF AUSTRALIA

State or Territory	Census 30 June 1966(a)			Census 30 June 1971		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
New South Wales	2,126,652	2,111,249	4,237,901	2,302,110	2,287,446	4,589,556
Victoria	1,614,240	1,605,977	3,220,217	1,748,916	1,747,245	3,496,161
Queensland	849,390	824,934	1,674,324	919,992	903,370	1,823,362
South Australia	550,196	544,788	1,094,984	585,827	586,947	1,172,774
Western Australia	432,569	415,531	848,100	527,217	500,155	1,027,372
Tasmania	187,391	184,045	371,436	196,284	193,590	389,874
Northern Territory	31,159	25,345	56,504	48,159	37,360	85,519
Australian Capital Territory	49,991	46,041	96,032	73,513	70,330	143,843
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	5,841,588	5,757,910	11,599,498	6,402,018	6,326,443	12,728,461

(a) See Preface

TABLE 2. - POPULATION: NUMERICAL AND PERCENTAGE INCREASES
BETWEEN 30 JUNE 1966 AND 30 JUNE 1971

State or Territory	Numerical increase	Percentage increase	Average annual rate of growth
New South Wales	351,655	8.30	1.61
Victoria	275,944	8.57	1.66
Queensland	149,038	8.90	1.72
South Australia	77,790	7.10	1.38
Western Australia	179,272	21.14	3.91
Tasmania	18,438	4.96	0.97
Northern Territory	29,015	51.35	8.64
Australian Capital Territory	47,811	49.79	8.42
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	1,128,963	9.73	1.87

The population of local government areas and the principal cities and towns of each State and Territory of Australia will be published in statements to be issued in the near future.

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