Release of List of Agricultural Farm Businesses to Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences

In accordance with the requirements of section 14 of *the Census and Statistics (Information Release and Access) Determination 2018*, made under section 13 of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has released a list of business characteristics, the details of which are as follows.

The ABS has disclosed to the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) a list of de-identified farm businesses taken from the Australian Business Register (ABR) based ABS Business Register and will subsequently release contact details for a selection of those farm businesses.

The list will be used to support conduct of the 2022 Pest Animal and Weed Management Survey (PAWS). Information will also be made available for selected farm businesses to supplement the PAWS data holdings and avoid the need to collect this information in the survey.

For each farm business in the list, the ABS has provided:

- a measure of size based on the estimated value of agricultural operations where available or Standardised Business Activity Statement derived size identifier
- one or more geographic codes (ASGS), down to the SA1 level
- latitude and longitude as a geographic identifier
- an industry classification code (ANZSIC)
- a set of secondary activity indicators (where available)
- a unique identifying number (concorded to identifying numbers provided in previous years for the purposes of sampling methodology).

Subsequent list releases for the 2022 PAWS will comprise:

- business contact details (including name, address, telephone number) for farm businesses selected in the survey
- selected information (measure of size in ranged values, one or more geographic codes, latitude and longitude coordinates, ANZSIC, secondary activity indicators, unique identifying number) for farm businesses responding to the PAWS.

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