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Content*

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Preface

Preliminary Views on Content is a basic reference document for those who have an interest in the content and conduct of the 2001 Census of Population and Dwellings. Statistics New Zealand has ongoing contact with users of census statistics and this report outlines the department's initial views on topics considered to date for inclusion in the next census (scheduled for March 2001) which will meet those user needs. A summary of preliminary topic assessments is set out in Chapter 5. These are intended as a guide for discussion on the content of the 2001 Census.

In finalising the content of the census, the inclusion of questions on priority topics needs to be balanced with the capacity to "fit" them into the type of data collection documents known to work in New Zealand censuses. We seek your input on our preliminary assessment of topics, on its completeness and on the recommendations we have assigned to each. We also welcome your advice on how the information is summarised through the classifications we apply and the measures we derive.

A successful population census is dependent on the full participation and support of the New Zealand public. Accordingly, Statistics New Zealand is promoting the widest possible discussion of the proposals contained in this report.

To make your views known and to become involved in the 2001 Census planning process, please complete the submission form included with this report, using the guidelines provided, and return it to Statistics New Zealand by 30 June 1998. A series of public forums, hui, fono, and other discussions will be held during June throughout the country. These will provide a further opportunity to express your views on the content of the census.

I am confident that, with your participation, the 2001 Census will be successful.



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Censuses of Population and Dwellings are taken every five years under the authority of Section 23(1) of the Statistics Act 1975.

The purpose of the census is to collect demographic and social statistics which can be used by government, business and community organisations for planning and other decision making.

Basic information from the Census of Population and Dwellings is widely released in an extensive series of published reports. Additional, more detailed information is made available in a series of cross-classified tables and database products, including the compact disc product, Supermap. The department also offers customised services to clients with special needs.

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