

Dear Members of the Public Accounts Committee

A framework for performance reporting and driving wellbeing outcomes in NSW

This letter sets out SGS Economics and Planning's (SGS) response to a question taken on notice from the public hearing for the inquiry into a framework for performance reporting and driving wellbeing outcomes in NSW, held on 12 September 2024:

What datasets currently exist or might be created to inform the NSW framework?

In compiling the list, we focused on annually (or regularly) updated datasets available at the sub-state level.

Open source data

- [Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements \(DRFA\) Activation History](#) – an annually updated dataset on the number, hazard type and date of disasters by local government area in NSW
- [CSIRO Data Access Portal](#) – access to nationally significant data assets across a broad range of sciences, including earth sciences, biological sciences, physical sciences, agriculture, and information and computing sciences.

Proprietary data

- [SGS Rental Affordability Index \(RAI\)](#) – an annually updated price index that tracks rental affordability for ten household profile types across Australia. This is a jointly developed research publication by SGS, National Shelter, Community Sector Banking, and Brotherhood St Laurence. The data is also hosted on the [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's](#) housing data dashboard.
- SGS [Cities and Regions Wellbeing Index \(CRWI\)](#): Small Area Estimates of Gross Domestic Product, Labour Productivity, Entropy Index (industry diversity) – annually updated indicators under the Economy dimension of the CRWI.
- [BCCM National Mutual Economy Database](#) – a comprehensive dataset on national Co-operative and Mutual Enterprise (CME), updated annually by the Business Council of Cooperatives and Mutuals (BCCM) that tracks the size, geographic location and industry distribution, and economic and social contributions of Australia's Cooperative and Mutual sector.
- BCCM Co-operative Housing dataset which is an authoritative database on the size of the Australian housing co-op sector including tenure types which vary from ownership, shared equity and rental.

Other Government sources

- [Annual state-wide water quality reports | NSW Government Water](#) The Surface Water Science team in DCCEEWS employs WaterNSW to monitor water quality at almost 200 sites every month within the major rivers and streams of NSW. This data is used to understand long-term trends in water quality throughout NSW and to develop scores for the water quality index.

- [National Coronial Information System](#), data on deaths, for example natural disaster related deaths.
- [Greater Sydney Region Tree Canopy](#) data to Mesh Block 2022

Survey data

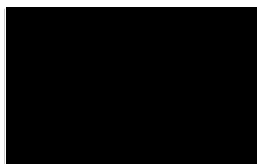
- [University of Canberra Regional Wellbeing Survey](#) – an annual subjective wellbeing survey of people in rural and regional communities. The results of the survey help to provide insights that support the development of strategies to build wellbeing, resilience and adaptive capacity across Australia.
- [Australian Unity Wellbeing Index](#) – the Index tracks how satisfied people across Australia are with their lives as a whole, using seven key areas of wellbeing, such as standard of living and future security, prepared in partnership with Deakin University.
- Local government community wellbeing surveys – council-led surveys to understand community needs and satisfaction levels around services, facilities and functions. See for example:
 - City of Sydney [Wellbeing of our City Survey](#), completed every 3 to 4 years.
 - Central Coast [Wellbeing Survey](#), and results from 2024 reported [here](#).
- [NSW Post-School Destinations and Experiences Survey](#) – an annual survey of the educational pathways, attainments, and destinations of school leavers from NSW Government, Catholic and independent schools in the 6 to 12 months post-school leaving. Data available by region (ABS Statistical Area Level 4) and by socio-demographic attribute.

International examples:

- [LGIInform](#): International Example of Local Government data collection, benchmarking tool from UK Local Government Association

I trust this information assists in informing your review.

Kind regards,



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