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Hi Tim

South Australia supports the commissioning of a 2011 version of SARIA but has concerns about some of the assumptions used in ARIA that are proposed to be applied.

We agree that the assumption that borders are permeable should be adopted. Although some state services are delivered from a capital city, we consider the usual practice is that people access the majority of services from their closest centre regardless of whether that centre is in an adjacent state.

Our initial thoughts are that Hobart and Darwin continue to be classified as capital cities as they are administrative/cultural/legal/government centres with institutions that influence the nature of these cities. This makes them different to large regional towns of a similar population.

South Australia believes that use of an enumerated census count is relevant for some services (eg police, emergency medical treatment) but a usual residence count is more appropriate for other services (eg schools, community health).

In relation to truncation, we consider that there is a material cost difference to reside 2000km from a capital city compared to residing 1000km from a capital city. This would lead us to support a SARIA model that does not include truncation of distance.

Regards

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