Indigenous community acceptance code N{.N}

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain		
METEOR identifier:	270746		
Registration status:	Housing assistance, Retired 10/02/2006		
Definition:	A code set representing an individual's acceptance in a community as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.		

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N{.N}	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Accepted as Indigenous (not further defined)
	1.1	Accepted as Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander
	1.2	Accepted as Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal
	1.3	Accepted as both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
	2	Not accepted as Indigenous
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: South Sea Islanders are to be recorded in category 2 as per the explanation in the comments.

This definition of the Indigenous status is based upon a decision made by the High Court of Australia in *Commonwealth v. Tasmania* (1983) 46 ALR 625.

There are three components to this definition:

- 1. Descent.
- 2. Self-classification.
- 3. Community acceptance.

There has been some controversy over the issue of whether South Sea Islanders need to be included in the definition of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. The Australian Bureau of Statistics clearly states that South Sea Islanders are not Indigenous and should therefore be coded accordingly. Subsequently, South Sea Islanders are to be coded under category 2. Not accepted as Indigenous.

Relational attributes

Comments:

Data elements implementing this value domain:

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