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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	480123
Registration status:	Housing assistance, Superseded 01/05/2013
DSS type:	Data Element Cluster
Scope:	This file captures information about dwellings provided for low to moderate income or special needs households. These dwellings are managed by community-based organisations that have received capital or recurrent subsidy from government. Community housing models vary across jurisdictions, and the housing stock may be owned by a variety of groups including government.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit:	Dwelling, **Tenancy rental unit** and Households
Collection methods:	Data is collected via a survey of community housing providers and forwarded to state or territory housing authorities. State and territory housing authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation on an annual basis.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Dwelling file cluster (Mainstream community housing) Housing assistance, Superseded 01/05/2013 Has been superseded by Dwelling file cluster (Mainstream community housing) Housing assistance, Superseded 30/08/2017
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Mainstream community housing 2010-11 Housing assistance, Superseded 01/05/2013 ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2010 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2011

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Dwelling—address line, text [X(180)]	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	Address line was recorded with a 40 character alphanumeric field by this collection.		
-	Dwelling—Australian postcode code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	Unknown postcodes are recorded as "U".		

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Dwelling—Australian state/territory identifier, code N](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

This DSS uses abbreviated state and territory names (e.g. NSW, Vic etc.), rather than code values. It does not collect Code 9 'Other territories (Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Christmas Island and Jervis Bay Territory)'.

-	[Dwelling—boarding house unit indicator, yes/no code N](#)	Conditional	1

Conditional obligation:

This is conditional upon 'other' being selected in the [Dwelling—structure type, code N[N] data](#) element. It is not relevant to the rest of the codeset.

DSS specific information:

This item is collected with the alternate values Code 1 = Boarding house unit, Code 2 = Boarding house room, and U = unknown. Unknown values should be mapped to Code 9 = Not stated/inadequately described.

-	[Dwelling—dwelling identifier, X[X(14)]](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Dwelling—housing program type, community housing code N[N]](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

This collection uses alternative codes: Other = "9" and Unknown = "U". These values should be mapped to '88' and "99" respectively.

-	[Dwelling—housing program type, community housing code N[N]](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Dwelling—number of bedrooms, total N[NN]](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

Code "U" = Unknown should be mapped to Code "999" = Not stated/inadequately described.

-	[Dwelling—number of tenancies at full capacity, N[NN]](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

Code "U" = Unknown should be mapped to Code "999" = Not stated/inadequately described.

-	[Dwelling—number of tenancies, N[NN]](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

This refers to the number of tenancies as at 30 June of the collection year.

Code "U" = Unknown should be mapped to Code "999" = Not stated/inadequately described.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Dwelling—number of tenantable vacancies, N[NN]](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

This refers to the number of tentantable vacancies as at 30 June of the collection year.

Code "U" = Unknown should be mapped to Code "999" = Not stated/inadequately described.

-	[Dwelling—number of untenantable vacancies, N[NN]](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

This refers to the number of untentantable vacancies as at 30 June of the collection year.

Code "U" = Unknown should be mapped to Code "999" = Not stated/inadequately described.

-	[Dwelling—structure type, code N[N]](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

Values 1, 2, 3 and 8 are applicable to the Community Housing collection. Unknown values are also recorded as "U", and should be mapped to "Not Applicable = 99".

-	[Dwelling—suburb/town/locality name, text [A(50)]](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

The Community Housing manual notes a maximum field length of 15 alphanumeric characters, which is substantially less than the 50 characters recommended by the ABS.

-	[Service provider organisation—organisation identifier, X[X(14)]](#)	Mandatory	1