

APPENDIX 5: CHARACTERISATION OF GROUPINGS, TO HELP WITH DEVELOPMENT OF ANTI-RACISM SUGGESTIONS

Seven steps were determined for developing the characterisations of the groupings:

- i. Obtain grounded reflections on each of the groupings from the partners – some basic observations on location, styles of housing, age of the suburbs, demography (SES and cultural composition), popular perceptions, etc.
- ii. Construct a socio-demographic profile using the entropy variables in the first instance. If differences within profiles are too great then a closer inspection of ABS community profiles for each location will be needed.
- iii. Describe the mix of attitudes and experiences (refer to both strengths and weaknesses in each type of area).
- iv. Generate a short-hand description of each grouping (relying on step 1, but bearing in mind the steps 2 to 3). Avoid characterisations that could stigmatise and stereotype.
- v. Refer back to ABS data.
- vi. Reality test with partners.
- vii. Match each group with similar groupings from the other states and territories.