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.