

Senate Community Affairs Committee

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Question:

Explain how under the GPRIP schedule some locations which are currently in RA3 will become Modified Monash Category 3.

Answer:

The Modified Monash Model (MMM) will overlay the five categories of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) to form seven categories based upon remoteness and town size. Locations currently known as 'RA3' will be reclassified as Modified Monash (MM) category 2, 3, 4, or 5, depending on their population size, and whether they are within a buffer zone for a larger town. The table below identifies the classification of towns under the MMM.

MMM Classification	Description
MM 1	All areas categorised ASGS-RA1.
MM 2	Areas categorised ASGS-RA 2 and ASGS-RA 3 that are in, or within 20km road distance, of a town with population >50,000.
MM 3	Areas categorised ASGS-RA 2 and ASGS-RA 3 that are not in MM 2 and are in, or within 15km road distance, of a town with population between 15,000 and 50,000.
MM 4	Areas categorised ASGS-RA 2 and ASGS-RA 3 that are not in MM 2 or MM 3, and are in, or within 10km road distance, of a town with population between 5,000 and 15,000.
MM 5	All other areas in ASGS-RA 2 and 3.
MM 6	All areas categorised ASGS-RA 4 (Remote) that are not on a populated island that is separated from the mainland in the ABS geography and is more than 5km offshore.
MM 7	All other areas – that being ASGS-RA 5 (Very Remote) and areas on a populated island that is separated from the mainland in the ABS geography and is more than 5km offshore.

RA 3 locations with a population size of between 15,000 and 50,000 (or smaller locations within 15km road distance of such a town) would be in MM 3.