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Appendix A: PHRN metadata platform metadata attribute list

Attribute No.	Attribute name	(i) Description as provided by the Office of the National Data Commissioner.
Att_1	Title	The most common useful name by which the data asset is known by your agency and by your largest perceived audience. The title should be relatively unique and can be created by following a naming convention used by your agency.
Att_2	Equivalent datasets	Availability of a comparable data asset in other jurisdictions. For cross jurisdictional projects, this indicates which jurisdictions have a comparable data asset.
Date range		
Att_3	Temporal coverage from	The start period for which this asset is applicable. Temporal coverage refers to the time period that a data asset covers and may be broader than a single collection. E.g. a data service or data portal. This field is related to attribute Temporal coverage to.
Att_4	Temporal coverage to	The end period for which this asset is applicable. The asset may not have an end date if it is being continually added to, in which case, a value is not required. E.g. a data service or data portal. This field is related to attribute Temporal coverage from.
Att_5	Linkage temporal range	The time period for which this asset is linked. Linkage temporal range refers to the time period that data within the data asset has been linked and may be less than the temporal coverage of a dataset. The data may not have an end date if it is being continually linked, in which case, a value is not required.
Last updated		
Att_6	Update frequency	The frequency at which new, revised, or updated versions of this asset are made available. For assets regularly released, one data asset record will represent a series; separate records will not be required per update. Agencies will determine when a new record is required for an asset, based on changes in methodology, collection and related policies.
Att_7	Linkage update frequency	The frequency at which, new, revised, or updated versions of this asset are linked/added to the master linkage map.
Att_8	Metadata updated	The most recent date the metadata was either created, changed, updated or modified. This refers to the metadata of a data asset, not a date pertaining to the data within a dataset.
Summary		
Att_9	Description	A descriptive statement of the asset. Easily read and understood information about the data asset; the purpose is to enable users to find, categorise and evaluate the fitness of a data asset to their needs. The Description attribute is also searchable and is typically several sentences long. It is useful to consider what keywords your potential audience may use to search for the asset. This field could be supplemented by attributes Keyword and Purpose.
Att_10	Scope	Limitations of the data asset or the linkage of the data asset.
Att_11	Limitations	
Provenance		
Att_12	Purpose	A descriptive summary of the intentions with which the asset was developed and proposed to be used. This field supplements the attribute Description.
Att_13	Location	The scope of the geographic area or location that the data asset covers. Location represents the geographic scope of the entire asset (e.g. “Australia”) and is not intended to represent location values contained within the asset, for example street, suburb or region which could be captured within Keyword, Description or Purpose.

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Att_14	Legal authority	All legal mandates under which the asset was collected, created, received, used or disclosed. Legal mandates could include: Memorandum of Understanding; Legislation; Machinery of Government; Government policies or acts; etc. It could include the authority, e.g. (Australian Government) Federal Register of Legislation or Data Availability and Transparency Act 2022. Where multiple legal mandates exist, separated their URLs with a comma ','. This information may be sourced through the agency's legal department. Specifies access to the data asset. Access will be based on agency privacy, security, or other policy approaches that apply to this data asset. Access can be: <i>Open</i> – Data is publicly accessible online (registration may be required); <i>Conditional</i> – Data is publicly accessible subject to certain conditions. For example: a fee applies; or the data is only accessible at a specific physical location; <i>Restricted</i> – Data access is limited. For example: during an embargo period; to a particular group of users; or where formal permission is granted
Att_15	Access Rights	
Formats and Standards		
Att_16	Language	The language used within the asset. This refers to the language used within the asset – e.g. "English". The default value may be set to "English". Some agencies may have assets containing languages other than English, in which case the Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) can be used. Format(s) in which the dataset is available to researchers e.g., xlsx, csv, application, text, etc. Relevant terminologies / ontologies / controlled vocabularies, such as ICD codes, data dictionary national codes or SNOMED CT International, that are being used by the dataset.
Att_17	Format	
Att_18	Coding	
Contact information		
Att_19	Point of Contact – Single Jurisdiction	Position; Agency; Email
Att_20	Point of Contact – Cross Jurisdiction	Position; Agency; Email
Approvals and Governance		
Att_21	Approvals required for access	List of approvals the researcher must acquire to obtain access to the data. For example, data custodian, Data Linkage Unit, HREC, and any other bodies. Researchers may wish to publicly present research findings or publish articles in journals or other publishing forms. Please list any approvals that researcher must obtain prior to publishing.
Att_22	Approvals required for publication	
Other details		
Att_23	Data Linkage Unit	The custodian(s) of the asset. The custodian is the agency who has the control of the asset and has the authority for sharing and disclosure. The custodian may not be the publisher (see Publisher attribute).
Att_24	Data Custodian	
Documentation		
Att_25*	Variable list	
Att_26*	Data Dictionary	
Att_27*	Data Quality Statement	
Att_28*	Other Documentation	