**Suppl. 2** Modified Monash Category

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| **Modified Monash Category (MMM 2019)** | **Location**  | **Description (including the ASGS-RA 2016)** |
| MM1 | Metropolitan | Major cities accounting for 70% of Australia’s population. All areas categorized ASGS-RA1. |
| MM2 | Regional centers | Areas categorized ASGS-RA 2 and ASGS-RA 3 that are in, or within 20km road distance, of a town with a population greater than 50,000. |
| MM3 | Large rural towns | Areas categorized 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 a population between 15,000 and 50,000. |
| MM4 | Medium rural towns  | Areas categorized 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 a population between 5,000 and 15,000. |
| MM5 | Small rural towns | All other areas in ASGS-RA 2 and 3. |
| MM6 | Remote communities | All areas categorized ASGS-RA 4 that are not on a populated island that is separated from the mainland in the ABS geography and is more than 5km offshore. |
| MM7 | Very remote communities | All other areas; that being ASGS-RA 5 and areas on a populated island that is separated from the mainland in the ABS geography and is more than 5km offshore. |

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The MMM is a geographical classification that categorizes different areas in Australia into seven remoteness categories. The MMM classifies metropolitan, regional, rural and remote areas according to geographical remoteness, as defined by the ABS, and town size. The ASGS is a classification of Australia into a hierarchy of statistical areas. The ASGS is updated every 5 years to account for growth and change in Australia's population, economy and infrastructure.

MMM, Modified Monash Model; ASGS-RA, Australian Statistical Geography Standard–Remoteness Area; ABS, Australian Bureau of Statistics.