

## Pilot Data – Scope and Coverage

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### Summary

State and Territory Libraries provided feedback for the scope and coverage of both the pilot data and the first 3 million pages to be incorporated into the program. The pilot data is a representative sample of the initial 3 million page corpus and was carefully selected over several months. The pilot data contains samples of:

- good and poor quality newspaper pages
- pages from different time periods 1803-1945
- pages from every state
- pages with different layouts
- pages of different sizes
- Pages of different size and type fonts
- Pages with different density of articles

Twelve different newspaper titles were selected. This equates to approximately:

8000 newspaper 'issues'

50,000 'pages'

500,000 individual articles

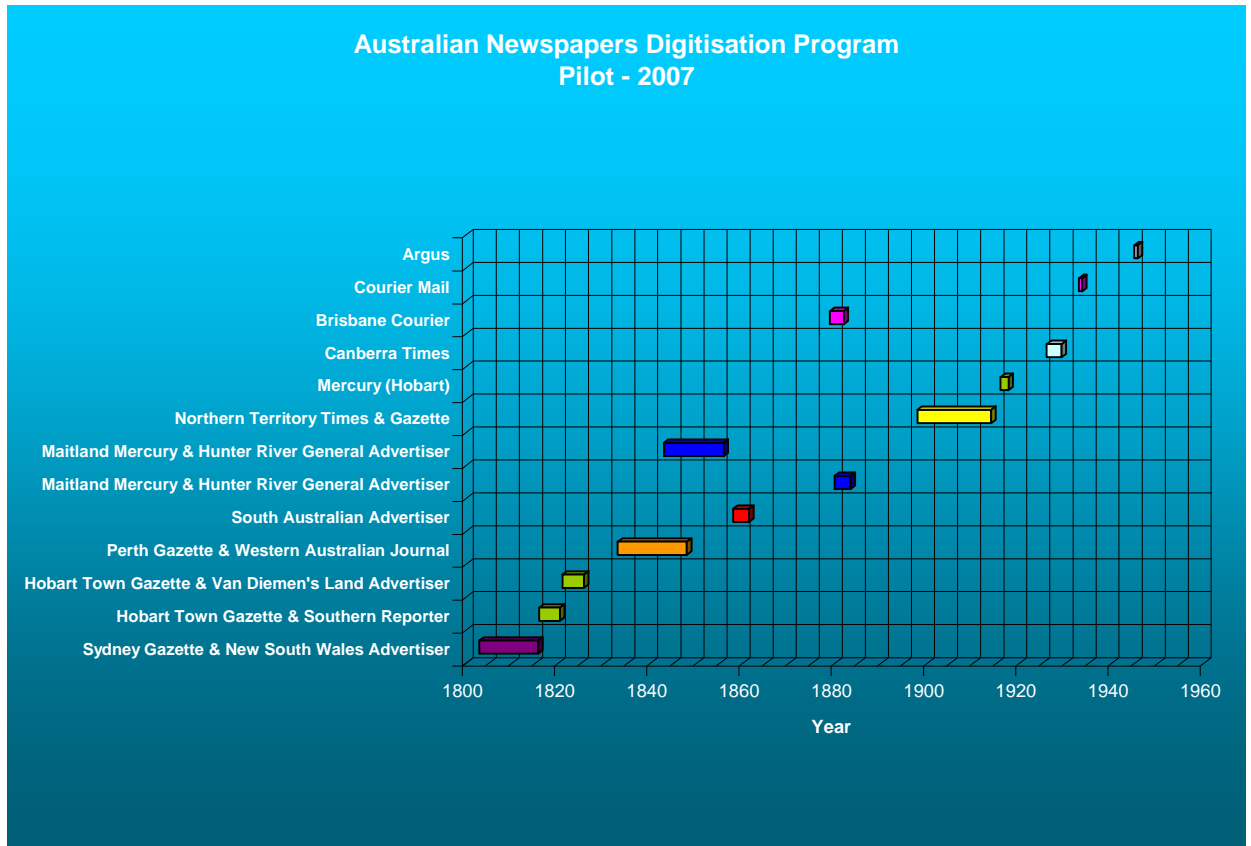
Tables on the next 3 pages illustrate the following:

Table 1: Pilot Data - Date Coverage

Table 2: Pilot Data – Number of Pages listed by State

Table 3: Pilot data listed by date

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**Table 2: Pilot Data – Number of Pages listed by State**

<b>Newspaper Titles for Pilot</b>	<b>Life Dates</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Date Range in Pilot</b>	<b>Page Images</b>
The Canberra Times	1926 -	ACT	3 Sept 1926 - 8 Dec 1929	4675
<b>Total ACT</b>				<b>4675</b>
The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser	1843 - 1893	NSW	7 Jan 1843 - 31 Dec 1855	5484
The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser		NSW	3 July 1880 - 1 Nov 1883	5657
The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser	1803 - 1842	NSW	5 Mar 1803 - 30 Dec 1815	1676
<b>Total New South Wales</b>				<b>12,817</b>
Northern Territory Times and Gazette	1873 - 1927	NT	7 Jan 1898 - 31 Dec 1914	4405
<b>Total Northern Territory</b>				<b>4405</b>
The Brisbane Courier	1864 - 1933	Qld	1 Jan 1879 - 31 Dec 1881	4804
The Courier-Mail	1933 - 1954	Qld	28 Aug 1933 - 30 Apr 1934	4516
<b>Total Queensland</b>				<b>9320</b>
The South Australian Advertiser	1858 - 1899	SA	1 July 1858 - 31 Dec 1861	4457
<b>Total South Australia</b>				<b>4457</b>
The Hobart Town Gazette and Southern Reporter	1816 - 1821	Tas	11 May 1816 - 13 Jan 1821	524
Hobart Town Gazette and Van Diemen's Land Advertiser	1821 - 1825	Tas	20 Jan 1821 - 12 Aug 1825	772
The Mercury	1860 -	Tas	1 Jan 1916 - 31 Dec 1917	4736
<b>Total Tasmania</b>				<b>6032</b>
The Argus	1848 - 1957	Vic	1 Jan 1945 - 29 Sept 1945	5427
<b>Total Victoria</b>				<b>5427</b>
The Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal	1833 - 1847	WA	5 Jan 1833 - 25 Dec 1847	3142
<b>Total Western Australia</b>				<b>3142</b>
<b>Total pages for Australia</b>				<b>50,275 pages</b>

**Table 3: Pilot data listed by date**

Pilot 50,000 - Newspaper Titles	State	Date	Page Images
The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser	NSW	1803-03-05 - 1810-12-29	1056
The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser	NSW	1811-01-05 - 1815-12-30	620
The Hobart Town Gazette and Southern Reporter	Tas	1816-05-11 - 1821-01-13	524
Hobart Town Gazette and Van Diemen's Land Advertiser	Tas	1821-01-20 - 1825-08-12	772
The Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal	WA	1833-01-05 - 1840-06-30	1552
The Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal	WA	1840-07-01 - 1847-12-25	1590
The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser	NSW	1843-01-07 - 1847-12-31	1490
The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser	NSW	1848-01-01 - 1852-12-31	2210
The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser	NSW	1853-01-01 - 1855-12-31	1784
The South Australian Advertiser	SA	1858-07-01 - 1859-06-30	1247
The South Australian Advertiser	SA	1859-07-01 - 1860-06-30	1280
The South Australian Advertiser	SA	1860-07-01 - 1861-06-30	1277
The South Australian Advertiser	SA	1861-07-01 - 1861-12-31	653
The Brisbane Courier	Qld	1879-01-01 - 1879-12-31	1614
The Brisbane Courier	Qld	1880-01-01 - 1880-12-31	1572
The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser	NSW	1880-07-03 - 1881-11-12	2296
The Brisbane Courier	Qld	1881-01-01 - 1881-12-31	1618
The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser	NSW	1881-11-13 - 1883-04-03	2291
The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser	NSW	1883-04-04 - 1883-11-01	1070
Northern Territory Times and Gazette	NT	1898-01-07 - 1907-12-27	2086
Northern Territory Times and Gazette	NT	1908-03-01 - 1914-12-31	2319
The Mercury	Tas	1916-01-01 - 1916-12-31	2712
The Mercury	Tas	1917-01-01 - 1917-12-31	2024
The Canberra Times	ACT	1926-09-03 - 1928-07-21	2272
The Canberra Times	ACT	1928-07-22 - 1929-12-08	2403
The Courier-Mail	Qld	1933-08-28 - 1933-12-30	2365
The Courier-Mail	Qld	1934-01-01 - 1934-04-30	2151
The Argus	Vic	1945-01-01 - 1945-05-31	2889
The Argus	Vic	1945-06-01 - 1945-09-29	2538
<b>Total</b>			<b>50,275</b>