Reviewer's report

Title: Data linkage infrastructure for cross-jurisdictional health-related research in Australia.

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Minor Essential Revisions
1) I like the paper; it is close to my own interest. This broadening of the scope of record linkage is likely to facilitate good research comparing Australian states. It might benefit from some substantive discussion of the studies which would be made possible by the linkage. What is planned? What are the priorities?

2) In designing the described system, there must have been some choices about strategy, some roads not taken. This would be of considerable interest to those with technical concerns.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.