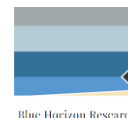




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Consent Information Statement

PROJECT TITLE: REC VIC MEASURING STICK

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WHAT IS THE STUDY ABOUT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

This study is being conducted on behalf of Reconciliation Victoria (RV) through our research team and Blue Horizon Research. We are seeking feedback from Victorians on a range of issues affecting Indigenous Australians, and non-Indigenous Australians, with a focus on Victorian culture and knowledge, and RV's work in Reconciliation. The data gathered will help inform RV of the current level of understanding and engagement of issues of Reconciliation in Victoria today, with a view to improving their services in the future.

WHAT DOES THE STUDY INVOLVE AND WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

You will be asked to participate in a short online survey to gain your perspectives on your current knowledge, and what you'd like to hear about in the future in the reconciliation space. The survey should take you approximately 10 minutes to complete.

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Participation in this study is voluntary and are free to withdraw or stop the survey at any time. You are also welcome to not answer any questions you do not wish to answer. See below for further information on withdrawing from the study.

WILL ALL DATA PROVIDED BE CONFIDENTIAL?

You have received this survey as you are currently engaged in reconciliation through an organisation or workplace. You will only be required to provide some brief personal information (e.g. age, gender, cultural background, employment status and postcode) during the survey for comparative purposes, and will not make you identifiable. All data collected by the research team is de-identified, so you cannot be identified. All processed data will be stored electronically with password protection.

HOW WILL THE DATA BE USED?

The results will be used to help inform Reconciliation Victoria of the current level of knowledge and understanding of reconciliation issues for Victorians, and where future services may be required. The data will not be used in any other way, or for any other purpose and will be stored electronically with password protection for the duration of the project.

ARE THERE ANY RISKS IF I PARTICIPATE?

We do not anticipate that you will be at any risk while you are participating. However, if you feel uncomfortable answering any questions at any time, you are free to not answer any particular questions or withdraw from the survey.

HOW DO I TAKE PART IN THE STUDY?

If you would like to participate in this research, you can simply click the link to begin the survey. Clicking the link and attempting the survey will constitute your consent to participate in the study and that you agree to the conditions outlined in this Consent Information Statement.

Reconciliation Victoria acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria, and recognises First Peoples continuing connection to lands, waters, and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and dedicate ourselves to working respectfully with First Peoples, to listen and amplify the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in all areas of our work.

WITHDRAWING FROM THE STUDY

Should you wish to withdraw from the study at any time, you can simply stop and exit the online survey. None of your responses will be recorded unless you click 'Submit Survey'. However, clicking on this link then submits all your responses, and we are unable to remove them once this has occurred.

If you have any questions regarding the project at any stage, please contact the Chief Investigator: Andrew Peters School of Social Sciences, Film, Media and Education, Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn – phone (03) 9214 5107 or email apeters@swin.edu.au.

This project has been approved by or on behalf of Swinburne's Human Research Ethics Committee (SUHREC) in line with the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research*.

If you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this project, you can contact:

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