

## Participant Information

*A qualitative exploration of the Voice to Parliament referendum and its impact on First Nations peoples*

### What is this research about?

- We are interested in learning about how the Voice to Parliament referendum impacted First Nations peoples in Australia, including the effect of the campaign messages in the lead up to the vote, and the 'No' result.
- We hope that this research will provide meaningful insights, with the aim to improve future initiatives, as well as the wellbeing, and feelings of safety and belonging, of First Nations peoples.

### Do I have to take part?

- **Participation in the research is voluntary.**
- If you decide to participate in the research, you can still change your mind and withdraw.
- After the interview, a transcript will be emailed to you so you can make sure you are comfortable with the text. At this stage, you will be able to remove or change responses or withdraw your responses altogether. Once you are happy with your responses, all information that identifies you will be deleted. Note that withdrawal from the research will not be possible after this stage.
- If you do decide to take part, you will be given a copy of the participant information (this document) along with a consent form to sign. You will be given a copy of each to keep.

### Who can take part?

You can take part in this research if:

- You are over 18 years of age
- You identify as an Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander person
- You currently live in South Australia
- You are comfortable to conduct the interview in English

### What would I need to do if I participate?

- Read this information sheet carefully.
- Ask questions about anything that you don't understand or want to know more about.
- Sign a consent form which shows you are willing to take part in the research.
- Tell the researchers a bit about yourself before participating in an interview, such as your age.
- Give your permission to audio / video record an interview between yourself and the researcher to ensure your words and thoughts are captured accurately.
- Answer some questions on the impact of the Voice to Parliament referendum campaign and result, including how it may have impacted your wellbeing and the wellbeing of those around you. This interview may take between 40 – 60 minutes and will be facilitated by a non-First Nations researcher, however, the research has been designed in consultation with First Nations peoples.
- The interviews can take place on Zoom, or in person in a private, quiet location.

### Who is conducting this research?

This research is being conducted by Alice Boorman, a student in the Master of Psychology (Clinical) program at the University of South Australia. You can email Alice if you have any questions about this research or wish to find out more ([booae001@mymail.unisa.edu.au](mailto:booae001@mymail.unisa.edu.au))



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- You will be offered a **\$30 VISA gift card** for your time, but you do not need to take it.
- We hope that speaking to First Nations peoples will highlight the impact of the Voice to Parliament referendum. Findings will be published, including in an academic journal, and shared with participants who wish to receive a copy.

### Are there any risks?

Talking about the Voice to Parliament referendum may trigger painful, stressful or emotional memories and feelings that may be difficult.

If you experience any psychological or emotional distress due to participating in this study, these services may be able to help:

- 13YARN – 13 92 76 (available 24/7)
- Lifeline – 13 11 14 or chat online <https://www.lifeline.org.au/> (available 24/7)
- Beyond Blue - 1300 224 636 or chat online <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/> (available 24/7)
- Seek a referral from your GP for mental health support. For example, from a provider of your choice, or from an organisation such as Nunkuwarrin Yunti which offers free mental health support for First Nations peoples: <https://nunku.org.au/our-services/physical/psychology-counselling/>

### Is this research being funded?

This study has no funding or sponsors and there is no financial gain or incentives for the researchers or participants.

### What will happen to my information?

- **Your information will remain confidential** and will be securely stored on a multi-factor password protected online storage site.
- After your interview, the information you share will be written down. If you give permission, third-party software (e.g., Zoom meeting transcription) may be used to transcribe your interview. This will involve your data being stored for a period of less than one business day on a cloud-based server which is not managed by UniSA. The software may use AI to transcribe the interview data and may make this data available to teach AI models. After transcription takes place, the interview data will be removed from the third-party software.
- Third-party transcription software will not be used if you do not consent.
- Once you have approved the written copy of your interview, all information that identifies you will be deleted, along with the recorded copy of your interview.
- Your information will be used only for the purposes of this research.

### Who has approved this research?

This research has been approved by the University of South Australia Human Research Ethics Committee as specified by the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2023).

**HREC Approval Number:** 207030

### Who can I contact if I have concerns?

If you have any ethical concerns, questions about your rights as a participant, or wish to complain about this research, please contact the Human Ethics Officer on (08) 8302 6330 or [humanethics@unisa.edu.au](mailto:humanethics@unisa.edu.au)

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