

First Peoples Accessing Disability and Rehabilitation Schemes in Queensland

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION & CONSENT FORM

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We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting today. We recognise that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are the first people of Australia and the Traditional Owners of its land and waters. We pay our respect to Elders, knowledge holders and leaders past, present and emerging.

What we want to know:

This research aims to understand the experiences of First Peoples and Queenslanders living in regional and remote areas who have needed to access disability or rehabilitation schemes in Queensland. Specifically, the research aims to:

- Identify what influences Queenslanders living in regional and remote areas to access disability or rehabilitation schemes in Qld.
- Identify how Queenslanders living in regional and remote areas currently experience these schemes.
- Identify how the experience and outcomes can be improved.

Why do we want to know this information?

First Peoples and people living in regional and remote areas in Queensland can be reluctant to use formal health rehabilitation and disability services. Access to supports and services for First Peoples with disability or injury is a known problem and there is an urgent need for systems to align with the cultures, needs and wishes of First Peoples.

What will you be asked to do?

We are asking people to complete a survey (either online or via phone) to understand their experiences. In the survey, we will explore how you came to access services, who supported you and informed you about the relevant schemes, your experiences at each stage of the process and the eventual outcomes. From this information, we will generate ideas about how to improve the schemes and services you need.

- The survey will take up to 1 hour but could be as short as 15 minutes depending on how much you want to share.
- You will be asked to give consent to allow your information to be used in the study.
- We will then ask for some details about you. This will take about 10 minutes.
- If you would like to complete the survey via phone, we would like to audio-record the survey so we can listen to it later and remember the important things. Only the researchers (no-one else) will be able to listen to the recording.

All information will be confidential.

After we've finished the research and analysed the information, we'll send you a summary of the research results if you want it. No-one will be able to identify you or what you have said. We'd like to check with you that the results are accurate.

Do you have to be involved in the research?

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No. If you don't want to be involved that's okay. If you decide you want to participate in the research and then change your mind, that's okay too. You won't need to explain why you changed your mind.

What are the expected benefits of the research?

This research will help us to identify opportunities for improvements in Queensland for First Peoples and people living in regional and remote areas who require disability and rehabilitation services. You will be contributing to better outcomes for First Peoples and Queenslanders living in regional and remote areas by having your experiences, opinions and feelings heard.

What will happen with the information you give us?

- We will keep all information on this project in a secure storage vault at Griffith University (Nathan Campus) and we will keep it for 5 years. No-one else will be able to access any information.
- After 5 years we'll get advice from Elders and other people who work for First Peoples about whether or not we should destroy the information.
- We will analyse all the information and we'll come back and tell you what we found.
- We'll be talking about our overall results, but no one will know you participated because we won't use your name or anything that identifies you.
- The results will be presented in a report, and may also be published as journal articles and / or conference presentations. The project could also be extended to support a future student or community project.

What are the risks?

There are no major risks to you if you choose to participate in this project. No-one will be able to identify you or what you have said. Remember, you can skip any questions you don't want to answer. If you experience any distress regarding your health or disability, you can contact Synapse on 1800 673 074.

Who can you talk to about the research?

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints, please contact the Project Manager, Dr Leda Barnett and/or the Manager, Research Ethics, at Griffith University Human Research Ethics Committee on:

- The Manager, Research Ethics: (07) 3735 4375 or email research-ethics@griffith.edu.au



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Ethical clearance by Griffith University

This project will be carried out according to the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans* (2007) produced by the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia. This statement has been developed to protect the interests of people who agree to participate in human research studies.

The conduct of this research involves the collection, access and/or use of identified personal information. The information collected is confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties without your consent, except to meet

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government, legal or other regulatory authority requirements. A de-identified copy of this data may be used for other research purposes. However, your anonymity will at all times be safeguarded. For further information, consult the University's Privacy Plan at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/about-griffith/plans-publications/griffith-university-privacy-plan> or telephone (07) 3735 4375.

Consent

To confirm your consent, you should read the below and then tick "yes" on the online survey to Question 1.

I agree to participate in the research. I made up my own mind and nobody is making me consent to participate in the project. I know that I don't have to participate and that there will be no negative consequences for me if I choose not to participate.

- I understand what this project is about and I read the above information (or it has been read to me).
- I had a chance to ask questions and I got satisfactory answers. I know I can keep asking questions.
- I understand this research follows the *Guidelines for Ethical Research in Australian Indigenous Studies* (AIATSIS, 2012).
- I understand the researchers would like to interview me to explore my experiences and knowledge about disability and rehabilitation systems and my experiences of seeking support.
- The survey will last approximately 15 minutes- 1 hour.
- I know I can withdraw my consent at any time, and my data will remain anonymous and confidential.
- The researchers may write down what I say or I will be audio-recorded on a phone survey.
- All information will be confidential and anonymous.
- The findings will be reported as a summary so no-one will know what I said, except as required by law (if I reveal illegal behaviours that must be reported).
- I understand that my data will be stored as re-identifiable (only by the research team) recordings, transcripts, and/or notes.
- I don't have to answer any questions I don't want to.
- The researchers want to write about the research and talk at conferences and meetings. The information I provide may be used but my name will NOT be mentioned and no-one will know who I am.
- Information provided by me will be stored in strict security for a minimum of 5 years. The information will only be identifiable to the research team, and may be used for other research purposes related to this project such as student research.
- I can contact the Researchers (Dr Leda Barnett l.barnett@griffith.edu.au) and/or the Manager, Research Ethics, at Griffith University Human Research Ethics Committee (on 07 3735 4375 or email research-ethics@griffith.edu.au) if I have any concerns about the ethical conduct of the project.
- I understand there are no risks involved.