

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FOR QUT RESEARCH PROJECT**

**– Household Questionnaire (telephone) –**



## **Giving Australia 2015**

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### **RESEARCH TEAM**

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### **DESCRIPTION**

This project is being undertaken as part of the Giving Australia 2015 study on behalf of the federal Department of Social Services and the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership.

The purpose of the Giving Australia 2015 research project is to collect comprehensive, up-to-date information on giving by individuals, collectives and businesses in Australia. This includes the giving of time, information, goods and services, voice and influence, as well as money, to improve the wellbeing of humanity and the community. This data collection will refresh and expand on information gathered through the *Giving Australia 2005* project. The Giving Australia 2015 project will provide critical information about giving and volunteering behaviours, attitudes and trends to support priority policy objectives to foster an Australian culture of giving. The information will specifically support the work of the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership.

The objectives of the research are to:

- ensure a comprehensive understanding of current patterns on giving and volunteering behaviours in Australia including the factors that influence giving by individuals, collectives and businesses
- provide a resource to build the capacity of the community sector and enhance its long-term sustainability
- provide a robust basis to inform the development of innovative government and non-government policies and initiatives to reinvigorate Australia's giving and volunteering culture
- ensure government efforts are focused appropriately and represent value for money
- ensure policies and initiatives are effectively evaluated by collecting baseline data that can be used to measure outcomes over time
- improve the understanding of the capacity and needs of community organisations.

You have been randomly selected to participate in this project

## **PARTICIPATION**

Participation will involve completing a 60 item anonymous questionnaire that will take approximately 20 minutes of your time. Questions will include have you made any monetary donations in the last 12 months? How were you approached for your last donation? How much in total dollars did claim as donations in your last tax return?

Your participation in this project is entirely voluntary. If you agree to participate you do not have to complete any question(s) you are uncomfortable answering. Your decision to participate or not participate will in no way impact upon your current or future relationship with QUT, Swinburne University of Technology, the Centre for Corporate Public Affairs, McNair Ingenuity, The Department of Social Services or the Prime Ministers Community Business Partnership. If you do agree to participate you can withdraw from the project without comment or penalty until survey completion. Any identifiable information already obtained from you will be destroyed. However as the questionnaire is anonymous once it has been submitted it will not be possible to withdraw.

## **EXPECTED BENEFITS**

It is expected that this project will not directly benefit you. However, it is intended to benefit Australian nonprofit organisations and the communities they serve by providing current data on the nonprofit sector and philanthropic giving by individuals, collectives, trusts and foundations, and businesses.

## **RISKS**

There are no risks beyond normal day-to-day living associated with your participation in this project.

## **PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

All comments and responses are anonymous and will be treated confidentially unless required by law. The names of individual persons are not required in any of the responses.

Any data collected as part of this project will be stored securely as per QUT's Management of research data policy. Please note that non-identifiable data collected in this project may be used as comparative data in future projects, published in academic journals or stored on an open access database for secondary analysis.

The project is funded by the Federal Department of Social Services and they will have access to the unidentified data obtained during the project. The unidentified data will also be made publicly available on the Australian Data Archive at the end of the project.

## **CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE**

Finishing the telephone questionnaire is accepted as an indication of your consent to participate in this project.

## **QUESTIONS / FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT**

If you have any questions or require further information please contact one of the research team members below.

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## **CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE PROJECT**

QUT is committed to research integrity and the ethical conduct of research projects. However, if you do have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the project you may contact the QUT Research Ethics Unit on [+61 7] 3138 5123 or email [ethicscontact@qut.edu.au](mailto:ethicscontact@qut.edu.au). The QUT Research Ethics Unit is not connected with the research project and can facilitate a resolution to your concern in an impartial manner.

***Thank you for helping with this research project. Please keep this sheet for your information.***