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## **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM**

### **Mobile Phone Distraction and Traffic Safety Survey**

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#### **Introduction**

You are invited to take part in this research project, which is called Mobile Phone Distraction and Traffic Safety.

This Participant Information Sheet/Consent Form tells you about the research project. It explains the processes involved with taking part. Knowing what is involved will help you decide if you want to take part in the research.

#### **What is the purpose of this research?**

The reason you are being surveyed is to investigate individual driver's behaviour with regard to mobile phone use while driving. The results will inform the link between crash likelihood and numerous explanatory variables and aim at improving road safety.

#### **Why have I been invited to participate in this research?**

You have been invited because as student or staff at UNSW your opinion regarding mobile phone use while driving is highly regarded. Your contact details were obtained from The School of Civil and Environmental Engineering and your school.

#### **Description of study procedures and risks**

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to answer **thirty eight to forty three (38-43) questions** depending on your answers you provided. The questions cover your mobile phone usage frequency, purpose(s) of mobile phone use while driving and some demographic questions about yourself. **The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.**

**There are no risks associated with this study.**

#### **What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

If you complete the survey you will be in the running to win a \$20 gift voucher. There are 5 vouchers to give away and entrants will be randomly selected

#### **What are the alternatives to participation?**

**Participation in this research is voluntary.** If you don't wish to take part, you don't have to. Your decision not to participate will not affect your future relations with the University of New South Wales, Faculty of Engineering, Research Centre for Integrated Transport Innovation or your school in any way.

### **Confidentiality and disclosure of information**

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission, except as required by law. If you give us your permission by agreeing to participate below we plan to *discuss/publish* the results in Asif Hassan's PhD thesis titled 'Mobile Phone Distraction and Traffic Safety. In any publication, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified.

### **Recompense to participants**

If you complete the survey you will be in the running to win a \$20 gift voucher. There are 5 vouchers to give away and entrants will be randomly selected

### **Complaints**

Complaints may be directed to the Ethics Secretariat, The University of New South Wales, SYDNEY 2052 AUSTRALIA (phone (02) 9385 4234, fax (02) 9385 6222, email [humanethics@unsw.edu.au](mailto:humanethics@unsw.edu.au). Any complaint you make will be investigated promptly and you will be informed of the outcome.

### **Feedback to participants**

If you would like to receive a summary of research findings, please send us an email at [v.dixit@unsw.edu.au](mailto:v.dixit@unsw.edu.au) Or, [asif.hassan@unsw.edu.au](mailto:asif.hassan@unsw.edu.au) with the subject line 'MPDTS Survey Results'. We will send you a report as soon as the data has been analysed.

### **Your consent**

Your decision whether or not to participate will not prejudice your future relations with the University of New South Wales and Research Centre for Integrated Transport Innovation. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and to discontinue participation at any time without prejudice.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Asif Hassan ([asif.hassan@unsw.edu.au](mailto:asif.hassan@unsw.edu.au)). If you have any additional questions later, Dr Vinayak Dixit, Senior Lecturer at the University of New South Wales ([v.dixit@unsw.edu.au](mailto:v.dixit@unsw.edu.au)) will be happy to answer them.

### **Declaration by the participant**

- I have read the Participant Information Sheet;
- I understand the purposes, study tasks and risks of the research described in the project;
- I have had an opportunity to ask questions and I am satisfied with the answers I have received;
- I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the project and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- I understand that I can download a copy of this consent form from the provided link

**You are making a decision whether or not to participate. Clicking on the 'Next' button below indicates that having read the information above, you have agreed to participate. If you do not agree, please exit the survey now.**