

Participant Information Statement



Study: Evaluation of urban transport and health

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1. What is this study about?

You are invited to take part in a research study about travel behaviour and health changes in response to changes in the urban environment.

You have been invited to participate in this study because you live in an area where changes to the urban landscape may or may not be occurring. This information page tells you about the research study. Knowing what is involved will help you decide if you want to take part in the research. Please read this information carefully and ask questions about anything that you don't understand or want to know more about.

Participation in this research study is voluntary.

By giving your consent to take part in this study you are telling us that you:

- ✓ Understand what you have read.
- ✓ Agree to take part in the research study as outlined below.
- ✓ Agree to the use of your personal information as described.

2. Who is running the study?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers at the University of Sydney:

- Dr Melanie Crane, Senior Research Fellow, School of Public Health
- Prof Stephen Greaves, Professor, Sydney Business School
- Prof Matthew Beck, Professor, Sydney Business School
- Prof Chris Rissel, Adjunct Professor, School of Public Health
- Dr Christopher Standen, Research Fellow, Health equity unit, UNSW
- Professor Anne Tiedemann, Professor, School of Public Health

The study is currently being funded by the University of Sydney.

3. Who can take part in the study?

If you live in Sydney in one of the suburbs where we are examining behavioural changes you are welcome to take part. This area includes most suburbs in Sydney, however some suburbs have not been included due to their distance from the city centre.

We are seeking people who live in Sydney to examine the impact of changes in the city on how you live and move. If you intend to move out of your area in the next few months, please advise us before completing the survey.

4. What will the study involve for me?

If you decide to participate in this study, you will be asked to participate in a short survey about which ask you about your travel behaviour as well as questions related to your health and wellbeing.

The survey will take -15-20 minutes to complete.

We hope to continue to assess the impacts of urban changes over time. If you are willing and have given us your contact details, we will contact you again this time next year to ask you to complete the survey again.

5. Can I withdraw once I've started?

Participating in this study is optional and you do not have to take part.

Your decision will have no impact on your current or future relationship with the researchers or anyone else at The University of Sydney.

If you decide to participate in the study and then change your mind you can withdraw at any time by not completing the survey.

By submitting your survey, you are consenting to partake part in the study. You have the option to withdraw any time before submitting. Once your responses are submitted, we won't be able to tell which one is yours. This means you cannot withdraw after submitting the survey.

If you decide to withdraw, we will stop collecting information from you. If you don't want the information already collected to be in the study results, please tell us at the time you withdraw.

6. Are there any risks or costs?

Aside from giving up your time, we do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with participating in this study.

7. Are there any benefits?

There are no direct benefits for you as a participant in this study.

We hope that the study will contribute to improving our urban environment.

8. What will happen to information that is collected?

By giving your consent, you agree to us gathering information about you for this study.

Any identifiable information you share us will be securely stored and will only be disclosed with your consent unless we are legally required to release information. We plan to publish the findings of this study.

You will not be identifiable in these publications.

Sharing research data is important for advancing knowledge and innovation. A de-identified set of the data collected in this study may be made available for use in future research.

9. Can I tell other people about the study?

Yes, you are welcome to tell other people about the study.

10. Will I be told the results of the study?

You have a right to receive feedback about the overall results of this study. You will be able to access feedback on the overall findings of the study by checking the website news section. Feedback on personal information will not be provided.

11. What if I would like further information?

If you would like to know more at any stage of the study or would like a copy of the overall study findings, please contact the Chief Investigators, Dr Melanie Crane, Senior Research Fellow on melanie.crane@sydney.edu.au and (02) 8627 1862 and Prof Stephen Greaves, Professor of Transport Studies on Stephen.greaves@sydney.edu.au and (02) 9114 1835.

12. What if I have a complaint or any concerns?

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) of The University of Sydney (protocol number 2019/217) in accordance with the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007)*.

If you have any concerns about the study's procedures or would like to make a complaint to someone not involved in the study, please contact the University:

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