

Group 2 Participant Information Sheet

Project title: Citizen Science On Q: Capturing changes in the usage and perceptions of shared public spaces On Q.

You are invited to take part in this research project which aims to understand the community perceptions and usage of the shared public spaces development in the city centre, Campbelltown (On Q). This study is currently being undertaken by South Western Sydney Local Health District, University of Sydney and Campbelltown City Council.

This Participant Information Sheet tells you about the study. It explains the processes involved with taking part. Knowing what is involved will help you decide if you want to take part in the study. Please read this information carefully. Ask questions about anything that you don't understand or want to know more about.

Researchers

The research team includes:

- Karen Wardle, Nicola Maitland and Amani Sobhan at South Western Sydney Local Health District
- Anitha Thiraviarajah and Neile Robinson at Campbelltown City Council
- Dr Samantha Rowbotham and Dr Yvonne Laird at University of Sydney and The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre.

What is this study about?

On Q is a Campbelltown City Council project that will test and trial new and innovative ideas to improve public spaces in Queen Street and Lithgow Street. Queen Street is at the heart of Campbelltown Central Business District (CBD). As Council continue to explore and test ideas for more permanent improvements to the local streets, paths and public spaces, they are seeking direct community engagement and feedback regarding perceptions and experiences of newly developed shared public spaces.

The aim of this study is to engage members of the public in evaluating the impacts of the On Q project in order to empower community members to contribute to ongoing improvement of this space and increase their sense of connection to the city centre. This study uses citizen science approaches, in which community members play an active role in gathering and making sense of data, documenting and evaluating why and how spaces are used.

What will I be asked to do if I take part?

After consenting to participating in this study you will then be directed to a few questions around how you feel and think about the city centre and have the opportunity to upload photos/complete free text comments. This survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete, however can take longer depending on how much free text you provide. Once you have answered survey questions you can click through to the thank you page that offers more information about On Q (<https://overtoyou.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/citizen-science-on-q>).

Who can participate in this project?

Anyone who is over the age of 18 and can read and understand English can participate in this study.

Do I have to participate?

- You do not have to take part if you do not want to.

- If you take part, you can pull out at any time without giving us a reason. You can opt to just pull out of the study, and you can also ask us to delete any data that we have collected from you if you wish.
- If you decide not to take part or if you pull out, it will not affect your relationship with the Health Promotion Service, South Western Sydney Local Health District, Campbelltown City Council or the University of Sydney in any way.

What will happen to information about me that is collected during the study?

Your answers to the questions and images from all data collection will be stored on a secure data storage service at the Health Promotion Service SWSLHD. We will remove any information that identifies you prior to storing this data.

Summaries of the data, including example photos and comments, will be used in publications and reports but we will ensure that no identifying information is included. All submitted photos and comments are the property of the research team and Council, and may be used in promotional material. We will communicate findings from this project through a range of channels, including social media channels, academic publications and talks to our partner agencies.

Will the study benefit me?

We cannot guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this research, however possible benefits may include the opportunity (through submitting data) to provide real-time feedback to Council with the potential of influencing future work and developments to shared public spaces.

Are there any risks to me taking part in this study?

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

As you will be collecting and submitting photographic and narrative data, ethical principles need to be adhered to. Participants will be required to agree that they are not to take photos of other people without permission and to avoid taking photos in dangerous locations/areas that they are not allowed to take photos in. Participants will agree to be fully responsible for the legality of their contributions. The research team have the right to delete or modify any community content and to disable user accounts if a violation of these restrictions is suspected.

What if I would like further information about the research study?

When you have read this information, Amani Sobhan will be available to discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to know more at any stage during the study, please feel free to contact Amani Sobhan, Senior Health Promotion Officer (email: Amani.Sobhan@health.nsw.gov.au ph. 02 9780 2835).

What if I have any complaints or concerns?

This study has been approved by the South Western Sydney Local Health District Human Research Ethics Committee. Any person with concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study should contact the Research and Ethics Office, Locked Bag 7103, LIVERPOOL BC NSW 1871 on 02 8738 8304 / fax 02 8738 8310 / email SWSLHD-ethics@health.nsw.gov.au, website: <http://www.swsldh.nsw.gov.au/ethics/default.html> and quote 2021/STE00253

**Thank you for taking the time to consider this study.
If you wish to take part in it, please sign the attached consent form.
This information sheet is for you to keep.**