

## Participant Information Sheet

### Researcher:

My name is Sebastian Kocar and I am a PhD candidate in Survey Methodology at the Centre for Social Research and Methods at the Australian National University.

**Project Title:** RDD Mobile-Sampling Benchmarking Study

### General Outline of the Project:

- **Description and Methodology:** I am conducting research on a relatively new approach in survey data collection – mobile numbers are randomly generated, respondents are invited via text messages, and they respond online. This research seeks to understand the quality of data collected with this new approach.
- **Participants:** I intend to collect data from Australians with mobile phones, aged 18 years and over.
- **Use of Data and Feedback:** The data will be used to produce one or more peer-reviewed published articles. My PhD thesis will consist of those articles.

### Participant Involvement:

- **Voluntary Participation & Withdrawal:** Your participation in this research is voluntary. Within the research, you may also decline to answer any question. You can pull out of the research if you change your mind without giving a reason why. If you do pull out, I will not use the data collected from you.
- **What does participation in the research entail?** You are invited to complete an online questionnaire titled Survey on Wellbeing, Health, and Life in general. You will be asked to answer a set of simple questions such as about the use of the internet, wellbeing, health (including private health information), demographics, and your life in general.
- **Location and Duration:** The data are collected online using an online survey data collection tool known as Qualtrics.
- **Remuneration:** In recognition of respondents' time, randomly selected participants will be offered either:
  - A \$5 WISH Gift Card (*incentive group 1*), or
  - A chance to win one of two \$100 WISH Gift Card (*incentives group 2*)
- **Risks:** You may be uncomfortable responding to particular questions. In that case, please skip them and continue at the following questions.
- **Benefits:** This research will help improve the quality of survey data collected from respondents via their mobile devices. We expect that academic, social, and government research will benefit from using the methodology developed by this research project. The data you provide, including medical information, will be carefully used to improve the methodology of mobile data collection, which can result in improved knowledge in several fields, including public health.

### Confidentiality:

- **Confidentiality:** We will keep your identity confidential as far as allowed by law. To protect your privacy and confidentiality, access to the data you provide will be restricted to me and my primary supervisor, no third party will be provided access, and any identifying details will be stored separately from the rest of the research data. We will use secure data storage solutions, data encryption, and password protection. In this research, no attempt will be made to identify particular person, published results will only be reported in aggregate, and you will not be identifiable within published outputs.

### Privacy Notice:

In collecting your personal information within this research, the ANU must comply with the Privacy Act 1988. The ANU Privacy Policy is available at [https://policies.anu.edu.au/pp1/document/ANUP\\_010007](https://policies.anu.edu.au/pp1/document/ANUP_010007) and it contains information about how a person can:

- Access or seek correction to their personal information;
- Complain about a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle by ANU, and how ANU will handle the complaint.

### Data Storage:

- **Where:** Data will be securely stored on password-protected computers in the Centre for Social Research and Methods at the Australian National University.
- **How long:** All research data will be retained and securely stored for at least five years following publications arising from the research.
- **Handling of Data following the required storage period:** After the storage period, all identifying details will be removed from the data and the non-identified data will be archived at the Australian Data Archive (ADA, [www.ada.edu.au](http://www.ada.edu.au)). Confidentialised restricted data will be made available via the ADA catalogue for secondary use by other academic and government data users and for pure research purposes.

### Queries and Concerns:

- **Contact Details for More Information:** Any requests for information or queries regarding the study participants should be directed to [sebastian.kocar@anu.edu.au](mailto:sebastian.kocar@anu.edu.au) or my supervisor Prof Nicholas Biddle ([nicholas.biddle@anu.edu.au](mailto:nicholas.biddle@anu.edu.au)).

### Ethics Committee Clearance:

The ethical aspects of this research have been approved by the ANU Human Research Ethics Committee (Protocol 2019/710). If you have any concerns or complaints about how this research has been conducted, please contact:

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