




## Understanding the interaction between mobility possibilities and freedom of movement for people with disability.

### Interview Participant Information Sheet and Consent Form

#### Research Team

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#### What is this research about?

This research is about how the personal mobility of people with disability is impacted by buses and trains in the public transport system in Southeast Queensland. It will uncover the challenges and barriers that people with disability experience when using public transport in order to develop recommendations for policymakers and transportation providers.

#### Who can participate?

People who have a disability, live in Southeast Queensland, are 18 years old or older, speak English, have experienced challenges when accessing trains or buses in the public transport system, and have access to a phone, computer, or other electronic devices that can download Microsoft Teams. If you are interested in participating, please email [dignityproject@griffith.edu.au](mailto:dignityproject@griffith.edu.au) to register your interest.

#### What do I need to do?

Complete a voluntary 30-45 minute interview on Microsoft Teams or by phone about your experiences in accessing trains and buses in Southeast Queensland. This time and date will be agreed upon together by you and a member of the research team.

#### Do I have to participate?

No. This research is voluntary and you do not have to participate. You can also pause or end your interview at any time and stop participating in the research without any penalty.

### **What is the benefit?**

Participants will be offered a \$50 Coles/Myer gift voucher for their time. This research may also benefit Queenslanders with disability by providing a platform for better understanding the way in which personal mobility via public transport systems may be impacted by lack of accessibility, inclusion and undignified experiences.

### **Who can I contact for further information?**

You might want to discuss if this research is right for you, if your accessibility need or mental and emotional needs may be met during this research. You might be unsure if you are eligible to participate or unsure about how the research process works. We encourage you to contact the research team on [dignityproject@griffith.edu.au](mailto:dignityproject@griffith.edu.au) to discuss this and anything else you may wish to talk about, including scheduling an interview time.

### **How can I receive information about the research results?**

Participants will receive plain language summaries of each phase of the research results, at the end of that phase. If you would like to discuss this further with the research team, you can do so via email.

### **How can I trust this research is safe for me?**

This research is being conducted by experienced research staff. The research team will work with you to make the process as comfortable as possible.

If you are concerned about your physical, emotional or mental safety during your participation, please talk to the research team about any supports you may need in order to participate (for example. closed captions, a support person present). We encourage you to discuss participation with members of your support network.

All interviews will be audio recorded and transcribed into text. However, your confidentiality and privacy will be safeguarded at all times. Your personal information will be kept confidential and will be removed from all data. Only the research team will have access to your data. Any reportable data will be done in a summary format and if necessary, will include a pseudonym.

## **Part 2: ethical information we must provide you**

### **Who has approved this project?**

This project will be carried out according to the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2018)*. All research is also reviewed by an independent group of people called a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). This research has been reviewed and approved by the Griffith University HREC (Ref Number: 2020/939).

This research has been funded by the Queensland Department of Transportation and Main Roads.

If you have an issue, problem or query that may be related to your involvement in the project, you can also contact at any time: Manager, Research Ethics Griffith University, [research-ethics@griffith.edu.au](mailto:research-ethics@griffith.edu.au)

### What will be done with data?

Research results will be reported to the Queensland Department of Transportation and Main Roads and may also be disseminated via journal articles and/or conference presentations. Research data will be retained in a password protected electronic file at Griffith University for a period of five years from the date of final publication.

### Privacy Statement

The conduct of this research involves the collection, access, storage and/or use of your identified personal information. The information collected is confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties without your consent, except to meet government, legal or other regulatory authority requirements. A de-identified copy of this data may be used for other research purposes, including publishing openly (e.g. in an open access repository). However, your anonymity will at all times be safeguarded. For further information consult the University's Privacy Plan at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/about-griffith/plans-publications/griffith-university-privacy-plan> or telephone (07) 3735 4375.

### Part 3: Consent to Participation

At the start of your interview, you will be asked to consent to participating. The interviewer will read the consent form and ask you for verbal consent, which will be audio recorded.

By verbally consenting, I confirm that I have read and understood the information package and in particular:

- I understand that my involvement in this research will include one interview, lasting approximately 30-45 minutes;
- I understand that the research will include audio-recording of my participation;
- I have had any questions answered to my satisfaction;
- I understand the risks involved;
- I understand that I will be offered a \$50 gift voucher for my participation in this research;
- I understand that my participation is voluntary;
- I understand that if I have any additional questions, I can contact the research team;
- I understand that I am free to withdraw at any time, without explanation or penalty;
- I understand that my name and other personal information that could identify me will be removed or de-identified in publications or presentations resulting from this research;
- I agree to allow my de-identified data collected as part of this study to be utilised in a future study;
- I understand that any future study that uses the de-identified data collected as part of this study will have a separate ethics approval and approval number;
- I understand that I can contact the Manager, Research Ethics, at Griffith University Human Research Ethics Committee if I have any concerns about the ethical conduct of this project;

I agree to participate in the research.