Sydney Uni Travel Census

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

(1) What is this census about?
This census aims to understand and monitor physical activity and travel behaviour among the University of Sydney community.

(2) Who is running the census?
The census is being carried out by Dr Lina Engelen and researchers in the Healthy Sydney University ‘move more, sit less’ group.

(3) What will the census involve for me?
As a voluntary participant of this census, you will be asked questions about your physical activity and commuting behaviours as well as a few demographic questions. You can remain anonymous.

(4) How much of my time will the census take?
The questions take 5-10 minutes to complete.

(5) Who can take part in the census?
To be eligible to take part in this census, you must be a University student or staff.

(6) Do I have to be in the census? Can I withdraw from the census once I’ve started?
Taking part in this census is completely voluntary. You are not under any obligation to consent but submitting a completed questionnaire is an indication of your consent to participate in this census. You may remain anonymous; if you choose anonymity your responses cannot be withdrawn as we will not be able to tell which one is yours. If you choose to provide a contact email and later wish to withdraw from the census, you may do this up to the point that we have analysed the results by contacting healthy.uni@sydney.edu.au

(7) Are there any risks, costs or benefits associated with being in the census?
We do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with taking part in this census, nor do we guarantee that you will directly benefit through your participation. Your responses may be used to guide University policies and infrastructure which could benefit you. Also, you may win a prize through a draw.

(8) What will happen to information about me that is collected during the census?
Once your information has been collected, it will be de-identified and stored securely at the University of Sydney data management server. Your information will only be accessed by the census researchers and only be used for the purposes outlined in this Participant Information Statement. Your identity/information will be kept strictly confidential. Census findings may be published, but you will not be individually identifiable in these publications.

(9) Can I tell other people about the census?
Yes, we encourage you to tell other University staff and students about the census.
(10) What if I would like further information about the census?
If you have questions or would like to know more at any stage during the census, please feel free to contact the Healthy Sydney University at healthy.uni@sydney.edu.au

(11) Will I be told the results of the census?
You have a right to receive feedback about the overall results of this census at its conclusion. These results will be published in the form of a summary in campus newsletters.

(12) What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the census?
Research involving humans in Australia is reviewed by an independent group of people called a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the HREC of the University of Sydney protocol number 2017/623. As part of this process, we have agreed to carry out the study according to the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007). This statement has been developed to protect people who agree to take part in research studies.

If you are concerned about the way this study is being conducted or you wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact the university using the details outlined below. Please quote the study title and protocol number.

The Manager, Ethics Administration, University of Sydney:
• Telephone: +61 2 8627 8176
• Email: ro.humanethics@sydney.edu.au
• Fax: +61 2 8627 8177 (Facsimile)

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