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TO: Interviewee

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Date:

Full Project Title: Doing Diversity: Revitalising Multiculturalism via Deliberative Interventions

Principal Researchers: Prof. Fethi Mansouri & Dr David Tittensor

You are invited to take part in this study. Please read this Participant Information Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project, you are encouraged to contact the researcher via the email address listed below.

You have chosen to participate in this research because you either:

- work for an organisation that supports an ethnic community and/or promotes cultural diversity; or
- are served by such an organisation as part of an ethnic community; or
- are part of the Anglo-Celtic community that is interested in the promotion of multiculturalism.

As a token of our appreciation for your time and input, you will receive a \$20 Coles-Myer gift card. The aim of the study is to ascertain whether multiculturalism is still a viable policy platform to support ever increasing cultural diversity in Australia, and if it can be improved through the introduction of intercultural practice.

The study involves a brief survey that will be administered before the focus group and then a follow up interview will be held sometime later. Both the focus group and follow up interview will be audio recorded. The survey should take around 10-15 minutes. The focus group will take up to 90 minutes, while the interview may range from 30 minutes to one hour. All of these will take place in a mutually agreed upon location.

The benefits from this research include the opportunity to share your reflections on the current policy climate regarding multiculturalism and diversity in Australia. It is envisaged that the project will help policy makers to critically reflect and improve upon Australia's rich multicultural heritage by fostering creative new policy interventions.

It is not expected that your involvement will cause inconvenience and/or discomfort to you. A pseudonym will be used to de-identify your contribution to this project.

Data collected will be stored in accordance with Deakin regulations. The interview recordings and transcripts will adhere to University regulations and be kept on University premises in a secure electronic file and locked cupboard/filing cabinet for 5 years. The project has been funded by Deakin University's Central Research Grant Scheme.

Being in this study is voluntary and you are under no obligation to consent to participate. If you do consent to participate, you have the right to withdraw during the interview or at any stage after the interview. If you withdraw from the interview, you will not be penalised or disadvantaged in any way. To withdraw your consent after the interview has finished, please contact either Prof. Fethi Mansouri or Dr David Tittensor directly (contact details below).

Alternatively, if you would like to be informed of the research findings, please contact either of the Chief Investigators of this research project:

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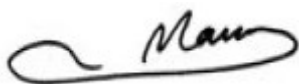
Complaints

If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted or any questions about your rights as a research participant, then you may contact:

The Manager, Research Integrity, Deakin University, 221 Burwood Highway, Burwood Victoria 3125,
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Please quote project number [2016-254]

Thank you,



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