Consent to Participate in Your Voice Online Survey
Information Sheet

What is the purpose of this Information Sheet?

This information sheet assists you to understand how the information you provide in the Your Voice survey will be used for **yourtown** advocacy and research. **It is important that you read and understand this Information Sheet before commencing the survey.**

Participation in the Your Voice survey is your choice and anonymous. It can be completed by anyone aged 15-24 years of age.

If you are under the age of 18 it is recommended that you talk to a parent or guardian about this project before participating.

Project Background: Your Voice

Your Voice is a project being carried out by **yourtown** and funded by the Australian Federal Government. The purpose of the project is to consult with young people regarding their views on government policy and the way in which the voices of young people are heard. Young people will be engaged through a survey, online chats and discussions.

This first element of the project involves an anonymous online survey which:

- collects information about the views of young people regarding the services and supports provided by the Australian Government; areas of priority for young people; and checks their understanding of ways to participate in the Australian political process
- will be accessible online at **yourtown** and through **yourtown** social media, as well as some external organisations. However, only **yourtown** will have access to the survey content and responses
- will be reported to government using anonymous and de-identified responses on the views of young people that have responded to the survey.

How will yourtown use this information?

yourtown will use the responses for advocacy and research purposes, such as in policy submissions, reports, blogs, social media, emails and other advocacy and research products and material. The advocacy and research purposes are necessary to influence government policy and focus on areas of priority, and may be used for funding submissions to support and assist children and young people in line with our Mission and objectives.

Do I have to give permission for my responses to be used?

When you submit your survey, you provide consent for your responses to be used as part of the research. All responses are anonymous. Any personal identifying information included by a participant will be reviewed and de-identified before being publicised.

You are free to provide as little or as much detail in the survey as you like. There is no requirement to provide comments or additional detail unless you want to.

If you submit the survey and then change your mind about wanting to participate, you should contact the Youth Advocacy Project Co-ordinator, Ben, on (07) 3368 3399 or participation@yourtown.com.au as soon as possible to discuss.

What if some of the questions in the survey upset me?

The questions in the survey are not designed to be confronting or upsetting. However, if you are upset, or concerned by any question raised in the survey please contact Kids Help Line which provides free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling on **1800 55 1800** or through the Kids Help Line website kidshelpline.com.au.

Privacy and feedback links

yourtown's privacy policy also provides information about how you can access or seek changes to the information we hold about you. You can access the policy at yourtown.com.au/privacy. Information about how you can make a privacy complaint is also provided in our Privacy Policy.

For more information about how **yourtown** handles your personal information, you can contact us on (07) 3368 3399 or at privacy@yourtown.com.au.

If you want to provide feedback about the survey please access the yourtown feedback form at yourtown.com.au/give-feedback.