



Water rights survey

Participant information sheet

Project title: Attitudes to Water Rights and Implications for Water Allocation Policy in the Murray-Darling Basin.

Human research ethics committee approval number: H-2021-067

Principal investigator: Professor Paul T. Babie

Dear Participant,

You are invited to participate in the research project described below.

What is the project about?

This project explores the way in which water users in the Murray-Darling Basin understand the legal allocation of water in the form of water use rights and investigates their beliefs about the nature and extent of ownership over water rights.

Who is undertaking the project?

This project is being conducted by Professor Paul T. Babie and Associate Professor Peter D. Burdon of Adelaide Law School, The University of Adelaide and Mr Simon Molloy, Independent Consultant.

Why am I being invited to participate?

You are being invited as you are a stakeholder with an interest (either direct or indirect) in the quality of effectiveness of Murray-Darling Basin water policy.

What am I being invited to do?

You are being invited to undertake an online survey.

How much time will my involvement in the project take?

Around 10 to 15 minutes online.

Are there any risks associated with participating in this project?

We do not anticipate any risks associated with participating in the online survey.

What are the potential benefits of the research project?

The development of improved water allocation and management policy based on a deeper understanding of all stakeholders' views and beliefs about water rights.



Can I withdraw from the project?

Participation in this project is completely voluntary. If you agree to participate, you can withdraw from the online survey at any point up until you submit your responses. After completion of the online survey there will be no further requirements of you in respect of this research project.

What will happen to my information?

The information collected in the survey will be completely anonymous. No information collected will enable the researchers at any point to trace any set of responses to any particular respondent. Therefore, the data will be completely de-identified at the point of collection.

The information will be aggregated and analysed and its characteristics will form an input into the conclusions of the research project.

Data may be used in future research projects that are (i) an extension of, or closely related to, the original project; or (ii) in the same general area of research.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the project?

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What if I have a complaint or any concerns?

The study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of Adelaide (approval number H-2019-xxx). This research project will be conducted according to the NHMRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (Updated 2018). If you have questions or problems associated with the practical aspects of your participation in the project, or wish to raise a concern or complaint about the project, then you should consult the Principal Investigator. If you wish to speak with an independent person regarding concerns or a complaint, the University's policy on research involving human participants, or your rights as a participant, please contact:

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Any complaint or concern will be treated in confidence and fully investigated. You will be informed of the outcome.

If I want to participate, what do I do?

Submission of your responses will be considered as your consent to participate, and that you have read and understood the above information.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Paul T. Babie
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Mr Simon Molloy