

## HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS APPROVAL

The University of Sydney confirms that this project meets the requirements of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research.

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**Project identifier:** 2024/HE001479  
**Project title:** "Where in the world is 'Western Sydney'?"  
**Application version:** 0.03  
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### Project summary

This study aims to investigate how a city's internal boundaries shape or reflect urban segregation and inequalities by using 'Western Sydney' within Sydney, New South Wales as a case study. This study also aims to examine how and if regional identity - what people think of an area and any associations they have with it - is reflected in conflicts in individuals' broad 'cultural' views on the boundaries of 'Western Sydney' and its administrative boundaries set by government and non-government bodies.

This study will involve a desktop review of publicly available government and non-government publications, and primary data collection through an anonymous online survey and interviews with survey participants who volunteer to participate.

It is expected there will be a variety of conflicting perceptions of 'boundaries' between residents, government and non-government bodies due to different motivations. In particular, residents' boundaries will have greater variety than both government and non-government bodies.

### Documents approved

Document type	File name	Document version	Application version
Other	Attachment A - Research Proposal (Planning Dissertation PLAN9010).pdf	1	0.01
Authorisation or approval	Attachment B - PLAN9010 - Assessment 1 - Result - Research Presentation and Proposal.pdf	1	0.01
Survey or questionnaire	Attachment C - Qualtrics - Online Survey Preview.pdf	1	0.01
Survey or questionnaire	Attachment D - Qualtrics - Voluntary Interview Participant Form Preview.pdf	1	0.01
Survey or questionnaire	Attachment E - Qualtrics - Raffle Entry & Study Summary Form Preview.pdf	1	0.01

Participant Consent Form (PCF)	Attachment F - Participant Consent Form (Interview).pdf	2	0.03
Participant Information Statement (PIS)	Attachment G - Participant Information Statement (Interview).pdf	2	0.03
Interview or focus group plan	Attachment H - Semi-structured Interview Questions and Maps.pdf	1	0.01
Recruitment or advertising material	Attachment I - Study Advertisement (One-pager).pdf	1	0.01
Recruitment or advertising material	Attachment J - Study Advertisement (Poster).pdf	1	0.01
Recruitment or advertising material	Attachment K - Email Invitation Template - Local Councils (Greater Western Sydney).pdf	1	0.01
Recruitment or advertising material	Attachment L - Email Invitation Template - Centre for Western Sydney.pdf	1	0.01
Recruitment or advertising material	Attachment M - Email Invitation Template - Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue.pdf	1	0.01
Project description / Protocol	HE001479 - Project Description V2.0.pdf	2	0.03

### Conditions of Approval

- Research must be conducted according to the approved proposal.
- An annual progress report must be submitted on or before the anniversary of approval and a final report on completion of the project.
- You must report as soon as practicable anything that might warrant review of ethical approval of the project including:
  - Serious or unexpected adverse events (which should be reported within 72 hours).
  - Unforeseen events that might affect continued ethical acceptability of the project.
- Any changes to the proposal must be approved prior to their implementation (except where an amendment is undertaken to eliminate *immediate* risk to participants).
- Researchers working on this project must be sufficiently qualified by education, training, and experience for their role, or adequately supervised. Changes to the project team must be reported and approved.
- Researchers must disclose any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest, including any financial or other interest or affiliation, as relevant to this project.
- Research data and primary materials must be retained and stored in accordance with relevant legislation and University guidelines.
- Ethics approval is dependent upon ongoing compliance of the research with the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research*, the *Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research*, applicable legal requirements, and with University policies, procedures, and governance requirements.
- If your research project is a clinical trial and is being sponsored by the University or is to be conducted on a University of Sydney site, you must comply with additional University governance requirements prior to commencing your Clinical Trial.
- The University may conduct audits on approved projects.



- The Chief Investigator has ultimate responsibility for the conduct of the research and is responsible for ensuring all others involved will conduct the research in accordance with the above.

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### **Ethics Committee Representative**

Chair

On behalf of the University of Sydney

**The University of Sydney HRECs are constituted and operate in accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research and the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (NHMRC). All personnel named on the project should be acquainted with these documents.**

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