

Participant Information Statement (Interview)

Research study: 'Where in the world is 'Western Sydney'?'

An examination and visualisation of regional identity, urban inequality and segregation in metropolitan Sydney in the boundaries of 'Western Sydney'

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1. What is this study about?

We are studying relationships between boundaries, urban inequality and segregation, and regional identity in the example of 'Western Sydney' in Sydney, New South Wales.

As part of this study, we are seeking opinions from people who currently live in Sydney. We are asking people what they think of the boundaries of 'Western Sydney' when shown on a map and what makes it different from the rest of Sydney. We will be asking people what they think through an online survey and interviews from people who said they were interested in being interviewed when they completed the survey.

The survey and interview will be used by the study as a general indication of views from Sydney residents today on the boundaries of 'Western Sydney' as shown on maps and 'Western Sydney' as an area of Sydney. The boundaries from Sydney residents will be compared to the boundaries defined by government and non-government bodies and looked at for similarities or differences and how they relate to inequalities and segregation in Sydney.

The study will look at these things:

- similarities and differences between the boundaries of 'Western Sydney' as seen by residents of Sydney, government bodies, and non-government bodies.
- how the different boundaries of 'Western Sydney' on a map may reflect or contribute to socio-economic advantage or disadvantage in Sydney.
- people's thoughts 'Western Sydney' as an area of Sydney, including where people would draw 'Western Sydney' on a map of Sydney and why they show it the way they do.

Taking part in this interview is completely voluntary. You can leave this interview at any time. You can leave even if you agreed to take part. Please read this sheet carefully and ask questions about anything you don't understand or want to know more about.

2. Who is running this study?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers:

- Jodie Vo (Responsible Researcher), Master student at The University of Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning.
- Associate Professor Somwrita Sarkar (Student Supervisor and Lead Investigator) at The University of Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning

Jodie Vo currently works for the NSW Government within the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department). This study and the Master of Urban and Regional Planning is being completed by Jodie Vo with the University of Sydney in a private individual capacity with no association with, or funding from, the NSW Government or the Department.

3. Who can take part in the interview?

People who live in 'metropolitan Sydney' and are aged 18 years old or older can take part.

For this study, 'metropolitan Sydney' means all suburbs within the 33 Local Government Areas (local council areas) in the map provided at page 6 of this document. If you don't currently live in any area in the map on page 6 you can't participate in this study.

If you're under 18 years of age, you can't take part of this [interview](#).

4. What will the interview involve for me?

The Responsible Researcher (Jodie Vo) will organise interviews from mid-October to January 2025.

If you want to take part in this interview, you will be asked to:

- answer questions what you think about 'Western Sydney' as an area of Sydney.
- draw on a map where you think 'Western Sydney' starts and ends.

The interview will be in English and take up to 30 minutes to finish.

You don't need to bring anything to the interview or answer any questions before the interview.

Interview location

You can request an online interview through Zoom **or** an in-person interview at any of the four locations below with the Responsible Researcher (Jodie Vo):

- The University of Sydney campus in Darlingtown
- A café in Penrith, Parramatta or Liverpool

Interview data

For online interviews:

- the interview will be recorded through the University's Zoom software, an online video communication platform used by the University of Sydney.
- Zoom does not allow recording of audio only and will also record video of the interview session. The video recording of the interview will be securely deleted by the Responsible Researcher immediately after the interview finishes.
- the audio from the interview will be kept and transcribed into written text using Zoom.
- you will be provided virtual access to a map to draw where you think 'Western Sydney' starts and ends and asked to provide the Responsible Researcher a copy of your map within three days after the interview.

For in-person interview:

- the audio of the interview will be recorded through audio recording software on the Responsible Researcher's mobile device and transcribed into text with transcription software (Nvivo).
- in this interview, you will be provided a printed map to draw where you think 'Western Sydney' starts and ends which will be kept by the Responsible Researcher.

You can request in the 'Participant Consent Form (Interview)' to receive a written version of your interview to check and confirm if you are happy with the content before it is used for research.

You can also request a written transcription of your interview and a copy of your map of 'Western Sydney' that you drew at any time after your interview.

The maps you draw as part of the interview will be used as part of this study's analysis and use in publications.

If you are choosing the online interview option – you will also be asked in the 'Participant Consent Form (Interview)' if you:

- understand that Zoom will record your audio and video interview recording of your interview
- understand that the study team will securely delete your video recording after the interview and only keep your audio recording to use in the study
- still agree to participate in the online interview.

Details that may be used to identify you will be removed and not included when the study is published. More information on what happens to the data we collect from you in section 8 of this document.

5. Can I withdraw once I have started?

Participating in this interview is completely voluntary and you do not have to take part.

Your decision will not affect your current or future relationship with the researchers or anyone else at The University of Sydney.

If you take part in this interview you may refuse to answer any questions that you do not wish to answer.

If you decide to take part in the interview and then change your mind, you can withdraw by contacting the Responsible Researcher (Jodie Vo) at jovo3557@uni.sydney.edu.au

If you choose to withdraw, we will stop collecting information from you. If you don't want the information already collected to be in the study results, please tell us at the time you withdraw.

6. Are there any risks or costs?

Aside from giving up your time, we don't expect that there will be any risks associated with the study.

For the interview, there may be some costs to yourself for travelling to your preferred in-person interview location (if you choose this option). These costs will not be repaid by us or the University of Sydney.

7. Are there any benefits?

You won't receive any direct benefits (financial or non-financial) from choosing to participate in the interview for this study.

Your participation in an interview for this study contributes to an indication of general public opinion of 'Western Sydney' and its mapped boundaries.

Your inputs specifically assist this study's comparisons between general public perceptions of where 'Western Sydney' is and its' identity as a distinct part of metropolitan Sydney and definitions created by government and non-government bodies.

Generally, as a contributor to general public perceptions within this scope of this study, your inputs may be considered by non-government bodies (like community groups) and government bodies (including local councils) for further research or policy development.

8. What will happen to information that is collected?

By providing your consent, you are agreeing to us collecting information from or about you for the purposes of this study. We plan to publish the study findings.

The audio recording of your interview will be transcribed into text and analysed through Nvivo, a research software program, for this study.

For online interview only – The video recording of the interview captured by Zoom will be securely deleted by the Responsible Researcher after the interview finishes. The audio recording be transcribed into text and analysed through Nvivo for this study.

Extracts for your transcribed interview and your drawn map of 'Western Sydney' will be used in the Masters dissertation report for this study and potentially a journal article and presentations based off the dissertation report. Every effort will be made to ensure you can't be individually identifiable in these publications.

Any identifiable information you provide us will be stored securely and will only be disclosed with your permission unless we are required by law to release information.

The information collected in this interview will not be disclosed outside this study and the publications identified above.

The data collected from this will be retained for a minimum of five years after the completion of analysis and publication. After this retention period, your data will be disposed of securely.

Transcription using software

For online interviews

The Responsible Researcher will use Zoom to record the spoken parts of the interviews conducted online but the audio file extracted from the Zoom interview will be imported into Nvivo to transcribe.

- This will involve sharing your information with Zoom. We will not share this information with anyone else without your consent unless we are required to do so by law.
- Zoom is owned by Zoom Video Communications Inc. and is located in San Jose, California, US.

For in-person interviews

The Responsible Researcher will import the audio recording of your interview as a MPEG-4 audio format (m4a) into Nvivo to transcribe the interview.

- Nvivo is software program used for qualitative and mixed-methods research and is commonly used in academic research and by universities.
- Nvivo is a software product offered by Lumivero LLC and is located in Denver, Colorado, US.

We will store this information and dispose of it securely following the University's Recordkeeping Policy. For more details about how your information will be handled please see the University's [privacy webpage](#).

Secondary use of research data

The research data collected in this study may be shared with academic journals by the Responsible Research or Lead Investigator as part of data checking processes in applications to submit a journal article.

Sharing research data is important for advancing knowledge and innovation. Any research data shared is limited to ethical guidelines and practices set by the University of Sydney.

A de-identified set of the data collected in this study may be made available for use in future research.

9. Will I be told the results of the study?

You have the right to receive feedback about the overall results of this study.

The Participant Consent Form you have received with this statement will give you the opportunity to provide contact information so you can be told the results of this study.

The results of the study will be in the form of an executive summary report of approximately five pages.

10. What if I would like more information?

When you have read this information, the following researcher(s) will be available to discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have:

- Jodie Vo (primary researcher) can be contacted at jovo35357@uni.sydney.edu.au

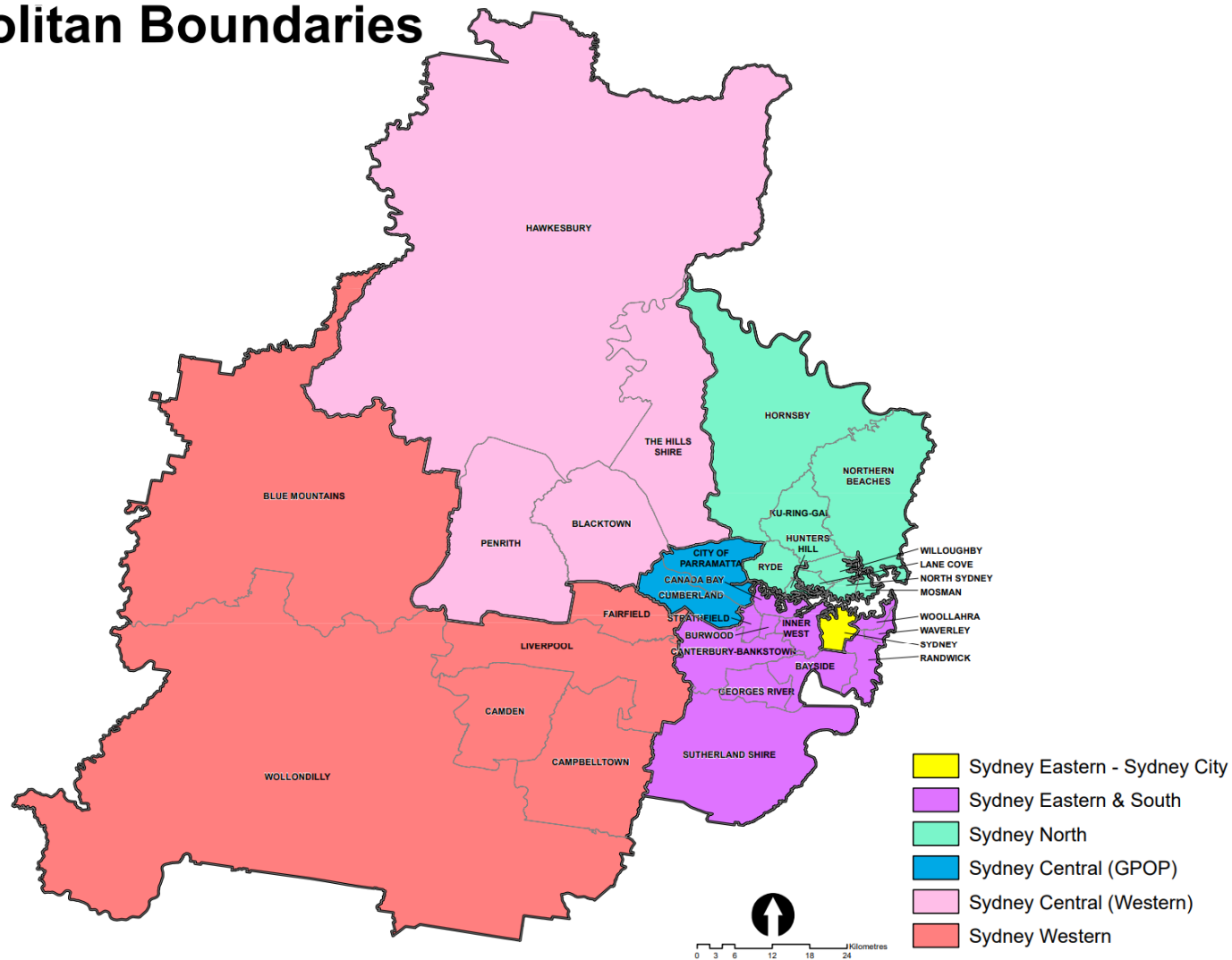
11. What if I have a complaint or any concerns?

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) of The University of Sydney [ethics reference: [2024/HE001479](#)] according to the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research.

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:

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Metropolitan Boundaries



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