
[Draft] Invitation to discuss Research Study - "Where in the world is 'Western Sydney'?"

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Dear X

My name is Jodie Vo, a Masters student researcher with the University of Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning.

I am reaching out in relation to a research study that may be of interest to the Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue with its strong interest and role in regional advocacy through its contributions to policy/program development affecting 'Western Sydney'.

This study is called *"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'.*

The study examines relationships between spatial boundaries, regional identity, and urban inequality and segregation to answer the question 'how do boundaries shape or reflect urban segregation and inequalities?' in the case of 'Western Sydney' within Sydney.

This study will be looking at spatial boundaries of 'Western Sydney' as viewed by residents of Sydney and boundaries defined by government and non-government bodies to see if they reflect or shape urban inequality and segregation with Sydney. This study is also looking at the extent to which Sydney residents' thoughts and associations with 'Western Sydney' as an area of Sydney - its regional identity - are reflected in differences or similarities in the multiple spatial boundaries of 'Western Sydney'.

I've attached to this email a poster and one-pager advertisement for the study to provide a brief summary of what involvement entails for interested participants.

Data gathered from this study will be used to:

- Spatially represent boundaries of 'Western Sydney' as viewed by residents of Sydney, non-government bodies (including the Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue), and formal administrative boundaries defined by government bodies.
- Analyse these different boundaries and their implications in reference to urban inequality and segregation in metropolitan Sydney.

I would welcome an opportunity to discuss this research study further with interested parties within the Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue.

Kind regards

Jodie

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