



EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Young People - Interview

Project ID: 37960

Project title: Enablers of smoking and vaping uptake among rural youth.

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What does the research involve?

The aim of the study is to explore the range of enabling factors that influence the uptake of smoking and vaping in the Buloke, Loddon and Gannawarra region, to inform the design of place based prevention and health promotion interventions.

Who can complete the interview?

Young people between the ages of 18 and 30, who started smoking tobacco products and/or vapes while living in the Buloke, Loddon or Gannawarra shires (including Kerang, Cohuna, Donald, Charlton, Birchip, Wycheproof, Inglewood, Wedderburn, Serpentine, Newbridge, Mitiamo, Pyramid Hill). People who have quit smoking/vaping are still able to participate.

Withdrawal

Your participation in the study is entirely voluntary and you can withdraw from the interview before, during, or up to four weeks following the interview. After this time your transcript would be analysed and included in the research reporting. You are able to withdraw consent to be contacted for an interview at any time during the sign up process by closing your internet browser.

Confidentiality

Morgan Spencer will conduct all interviews. Your de-identified interview transcript will only be viewed by the research team. The results of these interviews are confidential and any references to people or places that could identify you will be removed for participant anonymity during research reporting.

Study results

Research results will be published in a de-identified summary form, in which no individual can be identified. As well as a research summary posted on social media and local health services websites. Participants can request a copy of the key results summary by request by emailing the research project worker or chief investigator (Contact details above).

Possible benefits and risks to participants

Your participation in the study will help design prevention and health promotion interventions for the region. There are no anticipated risks beyond inconvenience. The interview is not expected to cause discomfort, but a flyer with support services can be shared in case you were interested in accessing any support for smoking and vaping.

Reimbursement

On completion of the interview, you will be provided a \$50 gift card for your time (Note: the gift voucher cannot be redeemed for alcohol, tobacco products or vapes).

Storage of data

The collected responses will be stored in accordance with Australian Privacy Regulations, and kept as a data file that is password protected for 5 years. After this, the file will be deleted. A report of this study will be submitted for publication, but individuals will not be identifiable in this report.

Complaints

Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Executive Officer, Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (MUHREC):

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Thank you,



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