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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM

Drug law enforcement policy: The deterrent effects of Australian policing strategies

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The research study is being carried out by the following researchers:		
Role	Name	Organisation
Chief Investigator	Dr Caitlin Hughes	National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre
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What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in an online research study. You have been invited because you have responded to an advertisement about the study.

To participate in this research study you need to:

- Be aged 18 years or older;
- Live in Australia;
- Have attended at least one outdoor music festival (i.e. an event oriented around music and attended by thousands of music fans) AND one licensed entertainment precinct (i.e. an area where there is a high density of pubs, bars or nightclubs) in the last year.

This study aims to look at the ways in which different Australian policing strategies may impact on drug use and drug selling at outdoor music festivals and licensed entertainment precincts.

Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. If you do not wish to take part, you do not have to. Your decision will not affect your relationship with The University of New South Wales, the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC), the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) or Stanford Law School.

The Participant Information Statement (what you are reading now) tells you about the study and explains what's involved. Knowing what is involved will help you to decide if you want to take part in the research. Please read this information carefully.

What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

If you decide to participate, we ask that you complete the following web-based survey. If you agree to participate the survey will ask you questions about your demographics and the last outdoor music festival or licensed entertainment precinct that you attended in Australia. The survey will then show you two hypothetical policing scenarios that you may encounter in these settings and ask you about your likely drug or alcohol-related behaviours under each scenario (remember this is all hypothetical). Finally, it will ask you about your



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attitudes to police and drug use. We expect the survey will take between 15 to 30 minutes to complete. There are no identifiable risks from participating in this study.

Will I be paid to participate in this project?

There are no costs associated with participating in this research study, nor will you be paid, but you will be eligible to win one of four \$200 JB Hi Fi vouchers which will be drawn at random at the completion of the study.

What are the possible benefits to participation?

We hope to use the results of this study to better understand the impacts of different policing approaches to drug use and related activities in Australia. It is hoped this will contribute to more evidence-informed responses; particularly at outdoor music festivals and licensed entertainment precincts.

What will happen to information about me?

This survey is anonymous and confidential. Any information obtained in connection with this research study that can identify you will remain confidential. This study is using an external site (Key Survey) to create and collect the survey data. The site we are using is www.surveys.unsw.edu.au. If you agree to participate in this study, the responses you provide to the survey will be stored on Key Survey. No one other than us can access the data on the survey site. Once all survey responses are in we will import the data to our own secure UNSW server, and delete it from the survey site. The data on the UNSW server, also accessible only by us, will be deleted after seven years.

By clicking on the 'I agree' button you consent to the research team collecting and using information from your survey for the purpose of the research study only.

It is anticipated that the results of this research study will be published and/or presented in a variety of forums. In any publication and/or presentation, information will be provided in such a way that your research findings may be published, but you will not be individually identifiable in these publications.

How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

You can receive feedback about the overall results of this study. If you want to receive the summary results you can provide an email address at the end of the survey. This email address will not be in any way linked to your own individual answers. A two page summary will then be emailed to you at the conclusion of the study. The summary will also be published on the NDARC project website.

What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

Submitting your completed survey is an indication of your consent to participate in the study. You can withdraw your responses any time before you have submitted the survey. Once you have submitted it, your responses cannot be withdrawn because they are anonymous and therefore we will not be able to tell which one is yours.

What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

If you want any further information concerning this project or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the project, you can contact the following member of the research team:



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What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted, then you may contact:

Complaints Contact

Position	Human Research Ethics Coordinator
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HC Reference Number	HC15529

If you want any information or to talk to anyone about drugs go to: www.druginfo.adf.org.au

Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

Declaration by the participant

- I have read the Participant Information Sheet;
- I understand the purposes, study tasks and risks of the research described in the project;
- I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the project and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- I understand that I can download a copy of this consent form from:
<https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/project/drug-law-enforcement-policy-deterrent-effects-australian-policing-strategies>

I agree, start survey