

ONLINE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

Examining the relationship between values and policy preferences in alcohol and other drugs
Chief Investigator: Professor Alison Ritter

1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this study. The research study aims to understand the values of people working in the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) field and the relationship between values and policy preferences.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: Professor Alison Ritter AO, Dr Paul Kelaite, and Ms Meg Grealy at the Drug Policy Modelling Program at UNSW Sydney and Dr Jack Wilson at the Matilda Centre at the University of Sydney.

Research Funder: This research is being funded by the NHMRC.

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for you to take part. The research study is looking to recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- Works within the Australian AOD field
- Over 18 years of age
- Provide informed consent

People who meet the following criteria will be excluded from the study:

- Works outside of the Australian AOD field
- Under 18 years of age

4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in any research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to. If you decide that you want to take part, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- Complete the online questionnaire.

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

If you decide to take part in the research study, we will ask you to complete an online survey. The survey has three (3) sections (values, policy preferences, and some non-identifying information about you) and it will take about 15 minutes to complete.

It is an anonymous survey.

If you experience discomfort while participating in the research you can stop participating at any time (by closing the browser). You can also talk to a member of the research team (details below) and they can provide you with assistance.

6. What are the possible benefits to participation?

We hope the findings will strengthen the appreciation of the values held by people who work across the AOD sector, identify policy preferences that could be used to support advocacy work, and fill a gap in knowledge about the relationship between values and policy preferences.

7. What will happen to information about me?

Submission of the online questionnaire is an indication of your consent. By clicking the 'I agree' button you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use information about you for the research study.

The research team will store the data collected from you for this research project for a minimum of 7 years after the completion of the research

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The information about you will be stored in a non-identifiable format where your identity will be unknown.

You will be asked to provide your consent for the research team to share or use the information collected from you in future research that will be an extension of, or closely related to, the original project; or is in the same general area of research.

Your information is anonymous, and so cannot be shared in a format that will identify you.

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

The research team intend to publish and/ report the results of the research. All Information is collected anonymously, you cannot be identified.

The research results will be published in summary form on the DPMP website:

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/research/sprc/research/dpmp>

9. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do this by closing the questionnaire. We will not be able to withdraw your responses as the questionnaire is anonymous.

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [UNSW Privacy Management Plan](#).

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

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

Research Team Contact

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

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

Complaints Contact

Position	Human Research Ethics Coordinator
Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
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HC Reference Number	iRECS7418

Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

Declaration by the participant

By checking the I agree/start questionnaire option below:

- I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
- I have read the Participant Information Sheet, or it has been provided to me in a language that I understand;
I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study as well as for use in future research that will be an extension of, or closely related to, the original project or is in the same general area of research;
- I understand that if necessary, I can ask questions and the research team will respond to my questions.
- I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study 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 [\[INSERT weblink/web address\]](#)

I agree, start questionnaire