



## Participant Information Sheet and Informed Consent Form (Stage 2)

**Project Title:** Examining the scope and value of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health workforce in Australia from a cultural and economic lens

**Researcher(s):** Donna Murray, Kylie Stothers, Tara Lewis, Keona Wilson, Jed Fraser, Paul Gibson

**Organisation(s):** Indigenous Allied Health Australia

### What is the project about?

The aim of this research project is to gain a greater understanding of the contribution by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health practitioners to the holistic wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, families and communities, as a basis for understanding the value of this workforce.

### Who is involved in the project?

This research project is being conducted by Donna Murray, Kylie Stothers, Tara Lewis, Keona Wilson, Jed Fraser, and Paul Gibson who work for Indigenous Allied Health Australia for the period of 1 November 2023 to 31 December 2024

The research is supported by the National Health Leadership Forum and through a grant received from the Lowitja Institute.

### Why have I been invited to participate?

You have been invited to participate because of your cultural and professional knowledges and your ability to provide insights into the role and impact as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander allied health worker in providing safe, responsive and holistic care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. It is expected your engagement in this research will support IAHA in informing policies and programs nationally, and to more strongly advocate for the value and impact of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health workforce, and improve investment into the development of the workforce.

You can pull out at any time and it won't change your relationship with the researcher(s) or anyone else. If you do decide to pull out of the project, you will need to do this by November 2024. The researchers will contact you via email in October 2024 to provide you an opportunity to review and amend the research findings (if appropriate) and remind you of your right to withdraw.

### What will the researcher(s) do and when?

The researcher(s) will have a yarn with you to explore your perspectives regarding the value of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health workforce. The research team will

record your yarn and then transcribe the conversation and analyse your contributions alongside those of your peers to identify common themes. The audio recording will be deleted immediately after the yarn has been transcribed.

The research will happen between January and September 2024 either online or at a mutually convenient location. You will be given the option to attend a yarn in person or online and in a group with other allied health professionals or by yourself. The online yarn will be conducted via zoom and the research team will contact you via email or phone to confirm a time that suits you. A passcode will be emailed to you to ensure privacy and confidentiality during the zoom yarn. The group yarns may also be conducted on zoom or at an easily accessible location. Your rights to confidentiality will be adhered to, and it is an expectation that you and other people involved in the group yarns will not discuss these yarns outside of the yarn sessions.

It will require approximately one hour of your time to be involved in the yarning session. An additional hour of your time may be required to follow up with you regarding the research findings.

### **What will happen to my information?**

Your information will be used to create a range of materials which may include community reports, published papers, presentations, submissions to policy and program processes, and promotional materials about the value of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health.

Any information you share with the research team will be de-identified to respect your privacy and confidentiality. The procedures for ensuring the confidentiality of your information during the collection phase and the later publication of results are that information will be de-identified in data collection and storage, with the ability to re-identify you should the research team wish to attribute input to you. If this is the case, you will be provided with the opportunity to review the content in context, with the ability to amend or withdraw prior to publication.

You will retain any Intellectual Property from your own personal interview recordings. Your interview recording will be deleted after they have been transcribed.

Copyright will be owned by Indigenous Allied Health Australia, which as a community controlled organisation, is owned by its members.

The researcher(s) will provide you with a copy of the all research findings and discussions. IAHA will also provide you an opportunity to review the research findings prior to publication. You will have until November 2024 to review the research findings and discuss with the research team if you have any concerns.

### **What are the potential risks?**

IAHA foresee that the risks associated with the research are low, and intend to take a strengths-based and culturally responsive approach to the research and all the work. To protect you from any risks, a strict consent process is in place, and the project will be oversighted by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group.

### **Data storage**

During the project, the data will be stored in password protected computers within drives only accessible to the project team. Any materials printed, such as transcripts, will be stored

within locked filing cabinets. Identification codes will be stored separately. Personal interview recordings will be deleted immediately after they have been transcribed.

The information will be kept for a period of five (5) years. A data management plan is available on request.

### **Culturally restricted information**

While IAHA anticipate that responses will be informed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander worldviews, perspectives and lived experiences, the generalised nature of the project should avoid the collection of culturally restricted information. Where potentially culturally restricted information is collected, this will be managed through the IAHA Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property policy and through a strict consent process.

### **Inclusion and exclusion criteria**

The project will focus on the perspectives of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health workforce and stakeholders. Participants will identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be a current member of Indigenous Allied Health Australia.

People under the age of 18 or who are not endorsed members of Indigenous Allied Health Australia will not be eligible to participate.

### **Contact and support**

I know that if I have queries about the research I can contact Paul Gibson, Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships via email to [paul@iaha.com.au](mailto:paul@iaha.com.au) or via (02) 6285 1010

Should I require other support, including crisis support, services I can contact include:

- 13YARN
- Lifeline 13 11 14
- Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467
- Beyond Blue Support Service 1300 224 636
- Bush Support Services (for rural and remote students and professionals) 1800 805 391

### **Complaints**

I know that I can complain to:

- The Chief Executive Officer, IAHA, PO Box 323 Deakin, ACT, 2600 (e) [ceo@iaha.com.au](mailto:ceo@iaha.com.au), (p) (02) 6285 1010.
- The Executive Director of Research, AIATSIS, 51 Lawson Crescent, Acton ACT 2601, (e) [ethics@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:ethics@aiatsis.gov.au)
- The Chair of the AIATSIS Research Ethics Committee, AIATSIS, 51 Lawson Crescent, Acton ACT 2601, (e) [ethics@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:ethics@aiatsis.gov.au)
- If I think there has been a breach of my privacy I can write to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001 or call 1300 363 992.

### **Ethics Committee Clearance**

The ethical aspects of this research project have been approved by the AIATSIS Research Ethics Committee.

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1. I understand what this project is about	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. I voluntarily agree to my participation in this study	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. I understand that I can withdraw from the project at any time, noting that it might not be possible to withdraw following publication.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4. I understand what will happen to me during the research project as explained to me	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
5. I agree that the researcher(s) can interview me for the research including in a group of people (or 'focus group')	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
6. If any conversations happen in a group setting I: Consent to participating in a group yarn; and Agree to not discuss the conversation with others outside the yarning group.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
7. I consent to this interview focus group being audio taped and/or filmed	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
8. I understand that I will not be paid for my participation as explained to me	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
9. I understand the potential risks and possible benefits of participating in this research as explained to me	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10. I understand that the results of this research may be published in a public or other forum	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
11. I agree that the research team can contact me to obtain my additional consent should they wish to use my name and other personal information in the project outputs.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
12. I understand that all information gathered in this research is confidential and will be kept secure for five (5) years.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13. If the researcher(s) keep(s) a record of what I said, which could be used to identify me, I:	<input type="checkbox"/> give permission for my information to be shared with my secondary consent  <input type="checkbox"/> don't give permission for my information to be shared	

14. I want the researcher(s) to give me a copy of the project outputs that are produced as a result of this research.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
15. I understand that I will retain any Intellectual Property from my personal interview recordings.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
16. I understand that information gathered may be used for other purposes in accordance with 17 below.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
17. I understand that the researcher(s) will SHARE copyright in the project outputs produced as a result of this research with Indigenous Allied Health Australia.  This means that the researcher(s) cannot reproduce the information that is in the project outputs in other places or for other purposes without first getting permission from the Indigenous Allied Health Australia Board of Directors.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

### Signatures

Participant to complete:

- I am 18 years or over.
- I have read the Participant Information Sheet and Informed Consent Form (or someone has read it to me in language I understand) and I agree with it.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**    /    /

**Email (to send a copy of this form):** \_\_\_\_\_

Researcher to complete:

- I have described the nature of the research to the Participant and I believe that he/she understood and agreed to it.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**    /