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Project Title: Evaluation of the Queensland Graduated Driver Licensing System – Stakeholder Engagement

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You are invited to take part in this study. Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research project. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project, you are encouraged to contact the Chief Investigator via the phone number or email address listed above.

What does the research involve?

The Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC) is conducting a research project to explore the current Graduated Driver Licensing System in Queensland. The project will seek to identify which aspects of the system are currently working well, and which aspects may require further development, to ensure they best meet the needs of young and novice drivers.

The project involves participating in a semi-structured interview or focus group, which will take approximately 45 to 60 minutes. In the interviews and focus groups, we will seek your feedback on your perceptions towards the current Graduated Driver Licensing System, and your feedback on any potential changes that could be made.

The interviews and focus groups will be conducted either in-person or via Zoom, depending on your availability. Interviews and focus groups will be recorded for transcription, and the research team will also take notes throughout.

Why were you chosen for this research project?

You were invited to participate in this project because you have been identified as someone with experience working in a role relevant to driver training and education in Queensland, and we believe that your point of view would add value to this study.

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Source of funding

These interviews and focus groups are part of a broader program of research being conducted by the Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC) to evaluate the Graduated Driver Licensing System in Queensland. This project is being funded by the Queensland Government Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research

Potential participants will be required to read this Explanatory Statement before participating in the project. Should an individual wish to participate, they will be required to complete a consent form. Participation in the project is voluntary. Participants can choose not to participate in part or all of the project without being penalised or disadvantaged in any way. Participants may withdraw from the project anytime and for any reason by notifying the research team member conducting the interview or focus group. In the event of withdrawal from the project, the information prior to this withdrawal will continue to be used and form part of the research project.

Possible benefits and risks to participants

While we do not anticipate any direct benefits to participants due to the research project being conducted, we do anticipate that the community will benefit from any changes that are made to improve the Graduated Driver Licensing System in Queensland.

There are no anticipated risks associated with participating in this research project. Participants will be selected based on their expertise and experience in this area, and asked to answer questions based on this expertise and experience.

Confidentiality

The semi-structured interviews and focus groups will be conducted either in person or via Zoom. Your participation in either an interview or focus group, and whether this is conducted in person or via Zoom will be dependent upon your availability. All interviews and focus groups will be recorded for transcription. All answers provided by you will be de-identified. No potentially identifying details or findings will be published. Reporting of the data (e.g., in reports, journal publications, conference presentations) will focus on aggregate themes. Care will be taken to avoid making statements that can be traced back to specific participants.

Storage of data

Interview and focus group recordings and transcripts will be stored electronically in a Monash Google Drive folder only accessible to the Research Team for a period of five years. All data collected will be protected with passwords and only shared with members of the Research Team. Any hard

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copies (e.g., hard copy notes) will be stored in a locked cabinet in the Chief Investigator's office. All electronic files will be deleted after five years as per Monash University policy. All hard-copy documents will be disposed of in a confidential waste bin after five years.

Results

It is not possible to provide individual feedback about participants' interview or focus group results, but aggregate results will be available from the Research Team on request, once the project has been completed. This will be in the form of a summary report of the research findings, which will also be shared with participants if requested.

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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