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Voices of Australia Frequently Asked Questions

What is Voices of Australia?

Voices of Australia is an ongoing national study about important social issues. The purpose of the study is to improve our understanding of the diverse opinions of first- and second-generation Australians (that is, Australians who were born overseas or with one or more parents who were born overseas). Members of Voices of Australia will be invited to participate in short surveys every three months or so on important social issues. It is a great opportunity to represent first and second-generation Australians and have your voice heard!

Who is doing the study?

Voices of Australia is an initiative of the Scanlon Foundation Research Institute, an independent organisation dedicated to social inclusion (www.scanloninstitute.org.au). Since 2007, they have conducted the Mapping Social Cohesion Survey in partnership with Monash University. This influential research has been published and you can view the 2020 Report on their website here as an example of their work. Voices of Australia is being run by the Social Research Centre (www.srcentre.com.au), part of the Australian National University.

Why is Voices of Australia important?

Traditional research is not always as inclusive as we would like. This study aims to give a voice to first- and second-generation Australians who are not well represented in surveys. Results from Voices of Australia will be published in reports that aim to tell us more about Australian society and to influence key decision makers and policy in Australia.

What does it involve?

The first step is completing the short enrolment survey so we know a little more about you and we can stay in touch. The survey will also ask about current social issues relevant to your life. For most questions, you will be asked to choose your response from a list of options that will be shown to you. Occasionally you might be asked to type a short response. For as long as you are a member, we will save your responses to a small number of profile questions so we do not need to ask these in every survey.

You will then be invited to participate in two further short surveys in 2021, roughly three months apart. There may also be other opportunities to take part in similar surveys in future.

How do I join Voices of Australia?

To join, just complete the 15-minute online survey available at:
www.srcentre.com.au/myvoiceinaus.

Why should I take part?

Voices of Australia is an invitation-only study and it is a great opportunity to share your personal views and influence the future for first- and second-generation Australians! The more people who join, the better the results will reflect the views and diverse opinions of all first- and second-generation Australians.

Who should join Voices of Australia?

We need to hear your voice if you are:

- An Australian resident (this includes Australian citizens and citizens of other countries on non-tourist visas)
- 18 years of age or older
- A first or second generation Australian. For the purpose of this research, this includes a person, or the child of a person, born in a country other than Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States or Europe.

How is my privacy protected?

Your privacy is protected by Australian law. The study is carried out in compliance with [Privacy Act 1988 \(Cth\)](#), the [Privacy \(Market and Social Research\) Code 2014](#) and the [Australian Privacy Principles](#). The Social Research Centre's Privacy Policy can be found at [here](#)

Is the research ethical?

The ethical aspects of this research have been approved by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (ID: 13467).

Further information and contact details

If you have any questions or concerns about the study, please call the Social Research Centre on 1800 023 040 or email voices@srcentre.com.au.