Tasmanian food security 2020 and beyond: needs assessment

Information and consent form

# What is this project about?

2020 was a tough year – nearly one in four Tasmanians found it hard to get enough of the types of food they needed. In this project, we are talking to people who had trouble getting food in 2020.

Through surveys and interviews, we will find out what people did to get the food they needed. We will look for common themes and ideas from all the stories we collect. Your stories will help us do a better job in the future if we ever have another challenge like COVID-19.

# Who are we?

We are dietitians from Public Health Services, Department of Health. We work on “food security” – which means making sure people can get enough of the foods that they want to eat.

# What will we ask you?

We want to hear about your experiences getting food in 2020. We’ll ask you what you and your community did differently, and what you’d like the future to look like.

# Is my information private?

We will record your interview so we can listen to it later, but we won’t collect any of your personal details. Your interview will be stored in a password-locked folder for 7 years and then deleted. You can stop your interview at any time. If you want us to delete anything you said, we will. If you change your mind afterwards, you can tell us.

# How will the results of the project be published?

Your responses will be compiled, and a we will write a summary report for government and community organisations to tell them what we learned. A summary of the key themes will be available on the Department of Health website. Please contact us if you want to find out the results of the study.

# What if I have questions about this project?

If you have any queries, concerns or issues with this study, please contact us: community.nutrition@health.tas.gov.au or call 1800 671 738

This study has been approved by the Tasmanian Social Sciences Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have concerns or complaints about this study, you can contact the Executive Officer of the HREC (Tasmania) Network on (03) 6226 2975 or email ss.ethics@utas.edu.au You will need to quote **23731**

I have read and understood the information above.

Name:

Signed:

Date:

Please save this form to your device and return to community.nutrition@health.tas.gov.au

Thank you for taking part in the research project.