

Consent form for persons participating in a research project

Project Title: Our Turn to Speak: Living with mental health issues in Australia

Name of Participant:

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1. I consent to participate in this project. The purpose of this research is to investigate the positive and negative life experiences of people living with severe and complex mental health issues.
2. I understand that this project is for research purposes only and not for treatment.
3. I understand that I should not participate in this project while I am in crisis.
4. In this project I will be asked to complete an eligibility screening questionnaire that asks about my mental health issues. If I am eligible to participate in the project, I will then be asked to complete a survey that asks about life experiences, like being treated positively or negatively because of my mental health issues. The details of this have been explained in the Plain Language Statement, which I have had the opportunity to download and keep.
5. I understand that there are risks involved in participating in this research project. Specifically, the questionnaires in this study contain themes, mental health problems and negative life experiences like discrimination, which some people may find concerning. I have been informed that I can contact the **Our Turn to Speak** Telephone Research Centre on **1800 998 983** or via ourturntospeak@sane.org to discuss any concerns I may have about these questionnaires. Alternatively, I may wish to speak with a Lifeline counsellor on **13 11 14**.
6. I understand that my participation is voluntary and I am free to withdraw from the project at any time without explanation or prejudice, and to withdraw any unprocessed data I have provided that can be reliably identified. Withdrawing from the project will not affect my relationship with, or services provided by, SANE Australia or the Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences.
7. I have been informed that the data from this research will be stored securely at SANE Australia for a period of 10 years following its final publication and be accessible only by named members of the SANE Australia and University of Melbourne research team.
8. I have been informed that I will be asked to indicate if I am willing to receive information about similar research participation opportunities in the future, and whether the data I submit in the current survey can be used in that related future research. If I accept the invitation to receive information about future related research, my identifying information and contact details will be retained by named members of the research team in a secure databank for a period of 10 years. My current survey data will also be retained in this secure databank for future analysis should I provide additional consent.
9. I have been informed that the confidentiality of the information I provide will be safeguarded subject to any legal requirements; my identifiable data will be stored securely at SANE Australia through encryption, password protection and other electronic security measures, and accessible only by the named members of the SANE Australia and University of Melbourne research team.
10. I understand that clicking the checkboxes on the next page will indicate my consent to participate and that this information will be retained by the research team.

Please click the relevant checkboxes on the next page to indicate your consent to participate in this research project.

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Consent Section 1: Specific consent about the **Our Turn to Speak** survey

I consent to participate in the **Our Turn to Speak** survey.

I do not consent to participate in the **Our Turn to Speak** survey.

Consent Section 2: Extended consent to receive information about similar future research

I consent to receive information about the project, including future similar research opportunities.

I do not consent to receive information about the project, including future similar research opportunities.

Consent Section 3: Extended consent for future use of **Our Turn to Speak** survey data

I consent to the data I submit in the **Our Turn to Speak** survey being used in similar future research.

I do not consent to the data I submit in the **Our Turn to Speak** survey being used in similar future research.