

Participant Information Sheet

Consent for release of Centrelink benefits and personal circumstances data

In agreeing that my Centrelink benefits data of the kind listed in Section A, my personal circumstances data and/or my current contact details, be released to the Growing Up in Australia study:

- 1. I understand that the personal information on this consent form will be sent to the Department of Human Services and the Department of Social Services to allow them to release my Centrelink benefits data, my personal circumstances data and/or my current contact details, to the Growing Up in Australia study.
- 2. I understand that the Centrelink benefits data provided by the Department of Human Services will include the type of benefit(s) I may have received in the past, I am currently receiving and I may receive in the future, the payment amounts and the payment periods.
- 3. I understand details of my personal circumstances that I originally provided to Centrelink to assess my eligibility for Centrelink benefits will also be released to the Growing Up in Australia study.
- 4. I understand that my Centrelink benefits and my personal circumstances data will be confidentialised and stored securely by the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) without a specified date for the destruction of the data as Growing Up in Australia is an ongoing study.
- 5. I understand that my Centrelink benefits and my personal circumstances data will be released to the Growing Up in Australia study, from my 16th birthday until the end of the study, or until I withdraw my consent, whichever occurs first.
- 6. I understand that my Centrelink benefits data including my personal circumstances data will be provided, stored and analysed only for the purposes of the Growing Up in Australia study and will not affect my payments.
- 7. I understand that this consent form will be retained by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Social Services for the life of the study as a record of my consent.
- 8. I understand that an electronic copy of this consent form will be retained by Roy Morgan Research Institute for the life of the study as a record of my consent.
- 9. I understand that my contact details will be used for maintaining contact with me for the purposes of the *Growing Up in Australia* study.
- 10. I understand that I can, at any time, withdraw my consent to the release of my Centrelink benefits data, my personal circumstances data and/or my contact details by:
 - Calling 1800 005 508 free call
 - Writing to (no postage stamp required) Growing Up in Australia, Reply Paid GPO Box 2282 Melbourne VIC 3001, or
 - Emailing Growing Up in Australia at: info@growingupinaustralia.gov.au











11. If I withdraw my consent, I understand that my Centrelink benefits data and my personal circumstances data provided by the Department of Human Services before my withdrawal will continue to be used and form part of the *Growing Up in Australia* study.

Your Privacy

- Your personal and sensitive information is protected by law, including the Privacy Act 1988. Centrelink information is also protected under the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999, the New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999, the Student Assistance Act 1973 or the Paid Parental Leave Act 2010 as applicable and is provided by the Department of Human Services to the *Growing Up* in Australia study for statistical purposes and to maintain contact with you.
- Your signed consent will be sought to release personal and sensitive information to any other person or organisation.
- Further information on privacy in relation to the *Growing Up in Australia* study and the *Growing Up in Australia* Privacy Statement can be found at: growingupinaustralia.gov.au/privacy-ethics or by calling 1800 005 508 free call.
- The Department of Social Services Privacy Policy can be found at: www.dss.gov.au/privacy-policy
- This privacy policy contains information regarding access to and correction of personal information and contains information on how you can make a privacy complaint.