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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

(1) What is the study about?

You are invited to participate in a study of how animals and plants impact urban residents' wellbeing in Sydney and Melbourne, Australia, and in Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand.

(2) Who is carrying out the study?

The study being conducted by Lucy Taylor will form the basis for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at The University of Sydney under the supervision of Associate Professor Dieter Hochuli.

(3) What does the study involve?

The study involves ecological surveys in parks, followed by a short, voluntary survey of adult residents in Sydney and Melbourne, Australia, and in Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand. The short, 3-question survey is anonymous. The survey contains questions about why you are visiting the park you are in, what you notice about the park, and whether you think the park provides you with any benefits.

(4) How much time will the study take?

The survey is estimated to take 5 minutes to complete.

(5) Can I withdraw from the study?

Being in this study is completely voluntary and you are not under any obligation to consent to participate in the survey. Agreeing to participate is an indication of your consent to contribute to the study. You can withdraw any time during the survey. Once your responses have been anonymously noted down and the researchers have left the park, your responses cannot be withdrawn.

(6) Will anyone else know the results?

All aspects of the study, including results, will be strictly confidential and only the researchers will have access to it. A report of the study may be submitted for publication, but individual participants will not be identifiable in such a report.

(7) Will the study benefit me?

We cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from the study.

(8) Can I tell other people about the study?

You may tell other people about the study.

(9) What if I require further information about the study or my involvement in it?

If you would like to know more at any stage, please feel free to contact Lucy Taylor, l.taylor@sydney.edu.au; +61 2 9314 1957. Information will be publicly shared via www.whoneedsnature.com as it is available.

(10) What if I have a complaint or any concerns?

Any person with concerns or complaints about the conduct of a research study can contact The Manager, Human Ethics Administration, University of Sydney on +61 2 8627 8176 (Telephone); +61 2 8627 8177 (Facsimile) or ro.humanethics@sydney.edu.au (Email).

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