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Nature: Who needs it?

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 a voluntary survey of adult residents in Sydney and Melbourne, Australia, and in Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand.

The web-based survey questionnaire is anonymous and results will be aggregated to inform the research. The survey questionnaire contains questions about how you interact with animal and plant life in your city, how you value animal and plant life in your city, what you know about animal and plant life in your city, some general questions about your wellbeing, and some general demographics.

(4) How much time will the study take?

The survey is estimated to take 10-15 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 complete the survey. Submitting a completed survey is an indication of your consent to participate in the study. You can withdraw any time prior to submitting your completed survey. Once you have submitted your survey anonymously, your responses cannot be withdrawn.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 information on participants.

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 9351 7728.
- (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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