**AUSTRALIAN SCREEN INDUSTRY MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING SURVEY**

INFORMATION SHEET

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Why is the research being conducted?

The aim of the research is to investigate the mental health and wellbeing of individuals who work in the Australian screen industry, including filmmakers, actors, associated screen crew, productions companies, and service providers. Specifically, the aim is to identify the factors and evaluate the extent to which working in the screen industry impacts their mental health and wellbeing, and conversely the extent to which their mental health and wellbeing affects their ability to participate, find, and maintain employment in the screen industry.

Who can take part

Individuals who are working within the screen industry are 18 years old or over are invited to take part in the research.

**How long will it take?**

The questionnaire will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

**What does the study involve?**

The study involves asking participants to complete an online survey asking questions about their personal situation, work context and environment. Please note that your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. Should you choose to participate, please understand that your results will remain strictly confidential at all times. While it is not expected that the questions in the questionnaire will cause any discomfort, should you feel uncomfortable in any way, you are free to skip questions or discontinue the survey.

**Can I get a copy of the results?**

Yes. We would be more than happy to send out a summary of the findings to you after the study has been completed. If you would like a copy of the results, please email your request through to either p.hegedus@griffith.edu.au or b.dionysius@griffith.edu.au

**Why should I take part? What are the benefits of this research?**

Taking part in this study will give us a better understanding of the mental health and wellbeing factors that are affecting individuals within the Australian screen industry.

**Risks to you**

There are no expected risks involved in this research. All participants are asked to volunteer their participation in the study. No overly personal information is requested. Whilst it is not expected for you to experience any distress related to the study, should you experience any distress you are advised to contact Lifeline (Australia) on 13 11 14.

**Does this study have ethics approval?**

Yes. This study has been cleared in accordance with the ethical review process (Ref No: 2023/457). Griffith University conducts research in accordance with the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research*. Should you have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the research project they should contact the Manager, Research Ethics on 3735 4375 or research-ethics@griffith.edu.au.

**Your confidentiality. Who will have access to my data?**

Your data is “Anonymous” which means that the data is collected in such a way that it cannot be known or ascertained who has participated (e.g. online survey which does not collect names or contact details). No one apart from the research team will have access to your data. When reporting the results of the study no personal or individual data will be presented as all results will be reported at the broader group level and may also be published in an academic journal.

How will my information be stored

The research team will ensure that your data will be collected, stored and managed in a safe and secure manner. Your data will be stored on a secure server and will be stored for a minimum of five years after data collection of this project has completed. After this time your data will be destroyed by the researchers. Your anonymous data may, however, be used in future studies similar to this one.

It is important to understand that your personal information will be transmitted via the internet (i.e. collected by online survey). The Griffith University email system and document management system involves the storage of emails/documents within the cloud (i.e. sometimes outside of Australia) and as a result personal information may be stored overseas. The University has entered into arrangements which protect the privacy of this data, any data stored outside of Australia may be subject to compulsory access through process of law, under the relevant jurisdiction in which it is stored.

**Who do I contact if I have questions?**

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the study in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact the chief researchers, Peter Hegedus (p.hegedus@griffith.edu.au) or Bobbi-Lea Dionysius (b.dionysius@griffith.edu.au).