



# Participant Information Sheet

Community survey to inform the development of the Second Action Plan under the *National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Child Sexual Abuse 2021-2030*

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# Project Summary

The National Office for Child Safety (National Office) in the Attorney-General's Department (the department) is developing the Second Action Plan under the *National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Child Sexual Abuse 2021-2030* (National Strategy). This community survey aims to gather insights into your priorities and concerns relating to preventing and responding to child sexual abuse, providing valuable guidance to inform the Second Action Plan.

Participation is voluntary; there is no obligation to take part. If you choose not to participate there will be no consequences. However, each response helps to ensure the results are more representative and accurate.

## Who is being asked to participate?

We are seeking feedback from diverse stakeholders, including individuals and organisations. This includes hearing directly from participants from the National Strategy's priority groups:

- Victims and survivors of child sexual abuse and their advocates
- Children and young people and their support networks
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- People with disability
- LGBTQIA+ people
- People living in regional and remote communities.

## What will I be asked to do?

You will be asked a series of questions, including some that involve personal information. This may include sensitive information, such as your racial or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or practices and health information. We will also collect your name, email address, age range, general geographic location, gender, organisational details (if relevant) and ask if you belong to any of the National Strategy priority groups. You may use a pseudonym or remain anonymous when completing the survey, application and submission form.

## What are the potential benefits?

This survey is an important way to understand the priorities and concerns of the Australian community to support keeping children safe from sexual abuse. Your answers to the survey will be used to assist in developing the Second Action Plan to guide future government actions aimed at improving child safety and supporting victims and survivors.



## What are the potential risks of this survey?

We understand that child sexual abuse is a challenging issue. Completing the survey may bring up strong feelings for some people. Please take care as you complete the survey and to ask for help if you need. You can find links and contact details for help services on our [Get support](#) page.

Please note that this is community survey to inform policy development, and individual cases cannot be addressed through this process. The department has an overriding duty to make a report to police or other authorities if there is a significant risk to the safety and wellbeing of a child.

## After the project

### How will my information be published?

For transparency, we will publish a consultation report that provides an overview of the type and nature of survey feedback received. We may also use quotes from survey responses within this report with your consent. These quotes will be anonymous and will not contain any details that could identify you.

### How will my information be stored, shared and used by the department?

Your information will be stored securely within departmental systems and may be shared with other Australian Government agencies where appropriate.

The department will only use or disclose your personal and/or sensitive information for another purpose with your consent, or where authorised or required by law. For example, if there are immediate risks to a person's safety.

### How can I withdraw?

Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary, and you may withdraw at any time before you submit your response without consequence by simply closing your browser. If you wish to withdraw once you have submitted your response, please email [NationalOfficeforChildSafety@ag.gov.au](mailto:NationalOfficeforChildSafety@ag.gov.au) to discuss.

## Privacy Policy

The Attorney-General's Department is bound by, and champions, the provisions of the [Privacy Act 1988](#), including the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs). The APPs set out standards, rights and obligations for how personal information is handled and maintained



by the department. See the department's [Privacy Policy](#) for further information about how you can access or seek correction to your personal information, or make a complaint and how such a complaint will be dealt with.

### **Who can I talk to about this survey?**

If you would like any further information about this project or if you have any concerns related to participating in the project, please contact the National Office for Child Safety by emailing [NationalOfficeforChildSafety@ag.gov.au](mailto:NationalOfficeforChildSafety@ag.gov.au).

