**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

**[ETH22-7314] - Using visual and textual artefacts to study youth attitudes toward climate change in Australia**

WHO IS CONDUCTING THIS RESEARCH?

Our names are Pernille Christensen, Shankar Sankaran and Mary Brydon-Miller and we are academics at UTS.

WHAT IS THE RESEARCH ABOUT?

This is a photography contest for young people studying in Years k-12 around the theme of caring for the natural environment in our local communities is being organised. The submissions could reflect a natural environment the photographer particularly appreciates or an environmental issue that concerns them. In addition to their photographs, young people submitting to the contest will be asked to provide a short (100-250 words) reflection on why the photograph is meaningful to them. They will also be asked to record when and where the photograph was taken. Participant's name, age, and contact information will also be collected (through a parent or guardian participation permission form) so they can be notified if they receive an award for their work. This contest is voluntary. The photos and written reflections will be to better understand the areas of concern to Australian youth.

WHY HAS MY CHILD BEEN INVITED?

This is an open call photo contest and any child ages Kindergartern-Year 12 may participate.

FUNDING

Funding for this prizes has been received from the Rotary Clubs of North Ryde and Currumbin Coolangatta Tweed. In-kind support has been received from Office Works North Ryde who will print the winning photos for a photo exhibit of the winners.

We will award 1st ($100), 2nd ($75), 3rd ($50) place prizes along with three honourable mention awards ($25/each) to contests in four age groups: Years K-2; Years 3-5; Years 6-8; and Years 9-12.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD’S PARTICIPATION INVOLVE?

**Here are the official rules:**

By submitting artwork to the Ripple Effects: Exploring Water in Louisville Photo Contest, entrants accept and agree to be bound by the official rules for participation. Any violation of these rules may, at the organizer’s discretion, result in disqualification. All decisions of the judges regarding this program are final and binding in all respects.

1. ELIGIBILITY. Open to all K-12 students living in Australia.
2. GRADE DIVISIONS. Students may enter in the appropriate division for their grade: Kindergarten- 2; Years 3-5; Years 6-8; Years 9-12
3. HOW TO ENTER. Participants must complete the online entry form and upload a digital file (up to 10MB) at <https://rippleeffectsoz.weebly.com/>. Deadline for submission of all artwork is 11:59 p.m., on August 21, 2022. If students need digital access to participate, your local library can help.
4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS. Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the current theme may be submitted. Each entry must be the original work of one student only. An adult may not alter the creative integrity of a student’s work. Because the program is designed to encourage and recognize each student’s individual creativity, help from an adult or collaboration with other students is not allowed. The work itself must be the creative product of one student only. Only one student may be recognized as the award recipient for each entry. A short (100-250 words), written reflection on why the photograph is meaningful to them should be included and will be considered with the submitted photograph.
5. FINALIST SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION. Each entry will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality, and creativity. The organizers make no restrictions on content or subject matter in artwork; however, other individuals should not appear in a student’s work.. A panel of judges will select finalists for exhibition and provide awards, to be announced in September 2022. Under no conditions may parents or students contact judges to dispute the status/score of any entry.
6. OWNERSHIP AND LICENSE. Ownership in any submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this program constitutes entrant’s irrevocable permission and consent that organizers may display, copy, reproduce, enhance, print, sublicense, publish, distribute, and create derivative works for educational and research purposes and the promoting of future competitions. The organizers are not responsible for lost or damaged entries. Submission of an entry into Ripple Effects: The Impacts of Climate Change Photo Contest constitutes acceptance of all rules and conditions
7. Accepted forms of Photography include: A single photo, panoramic, photomontage (one print of multiple original photos), a multiple exposure, negative sandwich, or photogram. Black-and-white and color images are accepted.

All participants must follow the Official Rules.

All data will remain confidential in any future publications unless parental permission is granted to share the names and ages of the youth. The findings may be compared with similar observations made from engaging with young people participating in similar programs around the world.

If you decide to allow your child to participate, please sign this form and attach it, along with your child’s photo and written reflection submission via the submission link on our website: <https://rippleeffectsoz.weebly.com/submit.html>

ARE THERE ANY RISKS/INCONVENIENCE?

Yes, there are some risks/inconvenience. Please be sure your child practices road and wilderness safety when taking their photo. If your child is among the winning submissions, you and they will be invited to an awards ceremony in September. With you permission we will also invite them to participate in a photo exhibition. You will have the option to include your child’s name and age, or we can post it anonymously, or to exclude it from the exhibition.

DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO TAKE PART IN THIS RESEARCH PROJECT?

Participation in this study is voluntary. It is completely up to you whether or not you agree to allow your child to take part. If you decide not to allow your child to participate, it will not affect your relationship with the researchers or the University of Technology Sydney.

WHAT IF I WITHDRAW MY CHILD FROM THIS RESEARCH PROJECT?

If you wish to withdraw your child from the study once it has started, you can do so at any time without having to give a reason, by contacting Dr. Pernille Christensen at: [Pernille.christensen@uts.edu.au](mailto:Pernille.christensen@uts.edu.au) or (02)9514 8928. If you withdraw your child from the study after the photo has been submitted, we will not collect additional personal information from your child (e.g. name, address, date of birth etc.), although personal information already collected will be retained to ensure that the results of the research project can be measured properly and to comply with law. You should be aware that data collected up to the time you withdraw your child will form part of the research project results. If you do not want us to do this, you must tell us before you give consent for your child to join the research project.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO INFORMATION ABOUT MY CHILD?

By signing the consent form you consent to the research team collecting and using personal information about your child for the research project. All this information will be treated confidentially.

We would like to store your child’s information for future use in research projects that are an extension of this research project. In all instances, your child’s information will be treated as confidential and stored securely.

It is anticipated that the results of this research project will be published and/or presented in a variety of forums. In any publication and/or exhibit and/or presentation, information will be provided in such a way that your child cannot be identified, except with your permission.

In accordance with relevant Australian and/or NSW Privacy laws, you have the right to request access to the information about you that is collected and stored by the research team. You also have the right to request that any information with which you disagree be corrected. Please inform the research team member named at the end of this document if you would like to access your information.

The results of this research may also be shared through open access (public) scientific databases, including internet databases. This will enable other researchers to use the data to investigate other important research questions. Results shared in this way will always be de-identified by removing all personal information (e.g. name, address, date of birth etc.).

WHAT IF I HAVE ANY QUERIES OR CONCERNS?

If you have concerns about the research that you think we can help you with, please feel free to contact Dr. Pernille Christensen at [Pernille.christensen@uts.edu.au](mailto:Pernille.christensen@uts.edu.au) or at (02)9514 8928.

**NOTE:**

This study has been approved in line with the University of Technology Sydney Human Research Ethics Committee [UTS HREC] guidelines. If you have any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the conduct of this research that you wish to raise independently of the research team, please contact the Ethics Secretariat on ph.: +61 2 9514 2478 or email: Research.Ethics@uts.edu.au], and quote the UTS HREC reference number. Any matter raised will be treated confidentially, investigated and you will be informed of the outcome.

**CONSENT FORM**

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I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[name of Parent/Guardian]* give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[name of child]* to participate in the research project being conducted by Dr. Pernille Christensen, Dr. Shankar Sankaran and Dr. Mary Brydon-Miller in the School of Built Environment and the University of Technology Sydney, (02) 9514 8928.I understand that funding for the awards has been provided by the Rotary Clubs of North Ryde and Currumbin Coolangatta Tweed.

I have read the Participant Information Sheet or someone has read it to me in language that I understand.

I understand the purposes, procedures and risks of the research as described in the Participant Information Sheet.

I have had an opportunity to ask questions and I am satisfied with the answers I have received.

I freely agree to allow my child to participate in this research project as described and understand that I am free to withdraw my child at any time without affecting my relationship with the researchers or the University of Technology Sydney*.*

I am aware that I can contact Dr. Pernille Christensen at: [Pernille.christensen@uts.edu.au](mailto:Pernille.christensen@uts.edu.au) or (02) 9514 8928 if I have any concerns about the research.

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Name of child [please print]

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Name Parent/Guardian [please print]

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

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Name and Signature [witness\*] Date

**\* Witness to the consent process**

If the participant, or if their legally acceptable representative, is not able to read this document, this form must be witnessed by an independent person over the age of 18. In the event that an interpreter is used, the interpreter may not act as a witness to the consent process. By signing the consent form, the witness attests that the information in the consent form and any other written information was accurately explained to, and apparently understood by, the participant (or representative) and that informed consent was freely given by the participant (or representative) *(delete this section and the ‘Signature of witness’ section above if this form does not need to be signed by a witness to the consent process).*