

A qualitative investigation of Aboriginal gambling behaviour, consequences, risk factors, and help-seeking in the Northern Territory

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

This Is for You to Keep

What is the study about?

This project will investigate gambling behaviour, consequences, help-seeking, and potential interventions, among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (Aboriginal) in the Northern Territory (NT). Participants will comprise both gamblers and those affected by someone else's gambling.

Who is undertaking the study?

This study is being conducted by the Menzies School of Health Research. The research team will include:

- Dr Himanshu Gupta
- Mr David Aanundsen
- Mr Jahdai Vigona
- Dr Matt Stevens

The study has been funded by the Northern Territory Government's Community Benefit Fund. It has been approved by the Central Australian Human Research Ethics Committee (CA-20-3747) and the Menzies and NT Department of Health Human Research Ethics Committee (2020-3728).

What am I being invited to do?

You will be asked questions related to gambling. There is no right or wrong answer to any of the questions, so please feel free to express your views. This conversation will take about 30 minutes, unless you have more to say. The interview will be conducted by telephone. If you agree, the interview will be audio-taped, as it will help us not miss any information you provide during the interview and will also help us to analyse the information.

What are the risks?

There are no significant risks associated with your participation. If you feel uncomfortable at any time during the interview you can stop. If you would like to talk further with someone about your or someone else's gambling or other issue, you may contact Amity Community Services on 1800 858 858 - 24 Hr Toll Free helpline, and Lifeline on 13 1114. If you wish, we can direct you to Aboriginal controlled health organisations - Danila Dilba Health Service (Darwin), Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Service (Katherine), Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation (Tennant Creek), and Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation (Nhulunbuy).

What are the potential benefits of participating?

This study will give you an opportunity to voice your opinions and experiences related to gambling. The information will help government, industry, and service providers to develop policy and programs to minimise gambling-related harm among Aboriginal people in the NT, and potentially the whole community.

What will happen to my information?

All information collected in the interview will be kept on password-protected computers and will only be available to the research team for analyses. Your name and other personal details will not be made public and nothing written in any reports will link you personally to this interview.

How to get in touch?

- Dr Himanshu Gupta: himanshu.gupta@menzies.edu.au or 08 8946 8597
- Mr David Aanundsen: david.aanundsen@menzies.edu.au

You can say no at any time.

You do not have to answer any questions that you do not want to.

You are free to withdraw from the study at any time.