



## **INFORMATION LETTER**

### **Emergency E-Learning: Impact on Accounting and Finance Academic Wellbeing**

To research what affect emergency e-learning had on accounting and finance higher education academics in terms of workload, satisfaction and motivation and also overall wellbeing.

#### **INVITATION**

You are invited to participate in this research project which is being conducted by Associate Professor Lisa Barnes, Avondale University.

#### **PURPOSE AND IMPORTANCE OF THIS RESEARCH**

The purpose of this study is to examine the impact of emergency e-learning had on overall well being of accounting and finance academics.

#### **WHO IS BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE?**

Members of the Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand (AFAANZ).

#### **WHAT DOES PARTICIPATION INVOLVE?**

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to complete an online survey.

#### **HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE?**

The online questionnaire should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

#### **POSSIBLE RISKS OR INCOVENIENCES**

It is believed that the only inconvenience will be the time needed to contribute to the data collection process.

#### **BENEFITS**

We cannot and do not guarantee or promise you any individual benefits from participating in this research. We do, however, hope this research will shed light on improving the wellbeing of academic staff in times of change and disruption.

#### **CONFIDENTIALITY, ANONYMITY AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

All responses will be anonymous.

The data will be stored for five years on a password protected cloud server. At the end of the five-year period after the conclusion of the research, electronic data will be erased from discs, servers and hard drives. All aspects of the study including results will be stored securely and only accessed by the researcher unless you consent otherwise.

#### **USE OF INFORMATION COLLECTED**

The information collected will be analysed and reported at the 2023 AFAANZ annual conference and maybe used in a future publication.



### **FREEDOM OF CONSENT**

Participation in this research is entirely your choice [or voluntary]. It is completely up to you whether or not to participate. Only people who give their informed consent will be included in the study. Even if you agree to participate you may withdraw at any time without giving a reason. If you decide not to participate or wish to withdraw from the project at any time, you will not be disadvantaged.

Please read this information statement and be sure you understand its contents before you consent to participate. After you have read this information, Lisa Barnes is available to discuss it with you further or if there is anything you do not understand, or you have questions, you can contact the researcher.

If you would like to participate please click on the link to the survey and this will indicate your consent.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you would like further information, please contact:

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If you have a complaint or concern about this research project or the way it is conducted, contact Avondale's Research Services Office at PO Box 19, Cooranbong, NSW, 2265 or phone +61-2-4980 2121, or email: [researchoffice@avondale.edu.au](mailto:researchoffice@avondale.edu.au). You may also wish to discuss your concerns with the researcher. This research has been approved by the Avondale University Human Research Ethics Committee ETH:2022;005.

Thank you for considering this invitation.

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