Research Risk Assessment Form

Risk to Participants

Instructions to applicants

• Please complete ALL questions. You may use the spaces provided and/or attach additional pages as necessary.

Proposed title of research project

(hit the “strikethrough” button to the right of the “underline” button to select one, or highlight with red)

YES NO

 [ ] [ ] Does the project present more than minimal risk to participants?

*Minimal risk means that participants are not likely to experience a greater level of discomfort or distress than would normally be encountered in daily life.*

 [ ] [ ] Does the project explore sensitive personal or cultural issues?

vulnerable groups

Does the research project involve direct contact with any groups who may be vulnerable or unable to give fully informed consent? These include:

YES NO

 [ ] [ ] Children up to age 12

 [ ] [ ] Young people aged 12-18

 [ ] [ ] People with a physical, mental or intellectual disability or illness

 [ ] [ ] People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

 [ ] [ ] Prisoners/offenders

 [ ] [ ] Anyone at risk of criminal or civil liability

 [ ] [ ] People in a dependent relationship with the researcher (eg. service users, employees)

 [ ] [ ] Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people

 [ ] [ ] Other (please specify):

Does the research project involve any of the these procedures?

YES NO

 [ ] [ ] Access to confidential personal data without participants’ written consent

 [ ] [ ] Activities which may diminish self-esteem or cause embarrassment or distress

 [ ] [ ] Use of non-treatment or control groups

 [ ] [ ] Interviews involving photographing or audio/videotaping participants

 [ ] [ ] Deception of participants

 [ ] [ ] Possibility of identifying participants, through identifiers or by deduction

 [ ] [ ] Disclosure of participants’ identity to anyone other than the researchers at any stage

*If you have answered* ***YES*** *to any items on the checklist, the application must be assessed by the full Ethics Committee.*

special case

If you have answered **YES** to any items on the checklist but you believe that, due to the nature of the project and the participants, your project may still be eligible for consideration by the Fast Track Review Panel, please outline your reasons below:­