

## INFORMATION SHEET

### The project management of Australian Recovery Projects (AND UTS APPROVAL NUMBER)

#### WHO IS DOING THE RESEARCH?

My name is Madelon Willemsen and I am a PhD Student at the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia. My supervisors are Associate Professor Sara Wilkinson & Dr Julien Pollack.

#### WHAT IS THIS RESEARCH ABOUT?

I will use the opportunity of the CBSG working group to start collecting data for my PhD project in Australia. My research is about finding out how we can enhance Australian biodiversity recovery project successes through applying project management principles. Australia is in the middle of a second extinction wave. The action on prevention of extinction of Australian species, through recovery projects, is unfortunately often not as effective as it is intended. I will be interviewing recovery experts to find out about their experiences and ideas on recovery projects. The grounded theory method will help to shape theories (grounded in the data of these interviews), on success and problems of (Australian) recovery projects. Going further the theories will then provide the guidance to build a practical and strategic recovery project management framework. It is aimed for this framework to address the problems and further enhance success of Australian recovery projects.

#### IF YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKING GROUP, WHAT WILL IT INVOLVE?

The working group will be facilitated by myself, Phil Miller and Anne Baker as per normal CBSG working group. With your consent I would like to record (audio) the complete working group and take photos of notes and whiteboards so that I can use your experiences and knowledge for my analysis. I will provide you with a consent form at the start of the working group. If you are interested I will share my thesis and the framework with you upon awarding of my PhD degree.

#### ARE THERE ANY RISKS/INCONVENIENCE?

It is expected that there is little risk involved, however you may feel slightly uncomfortable when discussing problems in your area of expertise. It is important to know that your comments as part of the working group will be treated confidentially. As part of the Grounded Theory Method I will be analysing through colour coding and categorising the data, these colour codes will only be known to myself. There will be no connection (de-identification) of the data to you and/or your organisation in the publication my thesis. The working group is run in accordance to the CBSG facilitation guidelines and your contribution is valued. It is unexpected but if in any case you or your organisation would feel inconvenienced, you are welcome to refrain from participating. Because I will be analysing the interviews as soon as possible, it is important that if you wish to change or withdraw (some of) of your answers/comments upon reflection of the working group, you contact me within 3 days after the interview by either email or phone.

#### WHY AM I PART OF THIS WORKING GROUP?

You are a recovery specialist and have been part of recovery projects in some way or another. Your knowledge and experiences will be very important information for building the theories on the success and problems of recovery projects.

#### DO I HAVE TO SAY PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORKING GROUP?

Of course not. I would be very pleased if you participated, but you have the right to decline without any reason. Your participation is entirely voluntary.

#### WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I SAY NO?

Nothing. I will thank you for your time so far and won't contact you about this research again.

#### IF I SAY YES, CAN I CHANGE MY MIND LATER?

You can change your mind at any time and ask me to not include your comments (I will send you a transcript of the working group to ensure I have got the correct comments removed) and you don't have to say why. I will thank you for your time so far and won't contact you about this research again.

#### WHAT IF I HAVE CONCERNS OR A COMPLAINT?

If you have concerns about the research that you think I or my supervisor can help you with, please feel free to contact me (us) on [madelon.willemsen@student.uts.edu.au](mailto:madelon.willemsen@student.uts.edu.au) or by phone on +61 409 462 105, or [Sara.Wilkinson@uts.edu.au](mailto:Sara.Wilkinson@uts.edu.au), +61 2 9514 8631, or [Julien.Pollack@uts.edu.au](mailto:Julien.Pollack@uts.edu.au), +61 2 9514 8632

If you would like to talk to someone who is not connected with the research, you may contact the Research Ethics Officer on +61 2 9514 9772, and quote this number (UTS HREC REF NO. 2013000412)