**Consent Form for Survey and Focus Group Discussion**

**Project Title:** *Advancing the News Media Literacy of Young Australians*

**I, *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* hereby consent to participate in the above named research project.**

**I acknowledge that:**

• I have read the participant information sheet (or where appropriate, have had it read to me) and have been given the opportunity to discuss the information and my involvement in the project with the researcher/s

• The procedures required for the project and the time involved have been explained to me, and any questions I have about the project have been answered to my satisfaction.

**I consent to:**

☐ *Take an online survey before and after they complete the InQueensland news literacy course at school*

☐ *Participate in a group interview online*

☐ *Have my online focus group interview recorded (not to be distributed, for research purposes only)*

**Data publication, reuse and storage**

This project seeks consent for the data provided to be used in any other projects in the future.

To make reuse of the data possible it will be stored under Western Sydney University’s Open Access Policy.

I understand that in relation to publication of the data my involvement is confidential and the information gained during the study may be published but no information about myself will be used in any way that reveals my identity.

The researchers intend to make the non-identified data from this project available for other research projects

I understand I can withdraw from the study (and my parent/guardian can withdraw me from the study) at any time without affecting my relationship with the researcher/s, and any organisations involved, now or in the future.

**Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**This study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at Western Sydney University. The ethics reference number is:** H13210

**What if I have a complaint?**

If you have any complaints or reservations about the ethical conduct of this research, you may contact the Ethics Committee through Research Engagement, Development and Innovation (REDI) on Tel +61 2 4736 0229 or email humanethics@westernsydney.edu.au.

Any issues you raise will be treated in confidence and investigated fully, and you will be informed of the outcome.