

## **The sustainable future of Australian coastal shipping**

### **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

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#### **1. Invitation**

You are invited to participate in a major research study identifying and assessing the sustainable future for Australian coastal shipping. This study is being undertaken in partial fulfilment of a PhD degree by Michael Brindley, under the supervision of Professor Stephen Cahoon and A/ Professor Prashant Bhaskar at the Centre for Maritime and Logistics Management, Australian Maritime College, University of Tasmania.

#### **2. What is the purpose of this study?**

The purpose of this research is to use data from experts in the fields of shipping, freight and logistics and government, and academic literature, to identify potential challenges and opportunities to assess and consider the future sustainability of coastal shipping in Australia. The resulting analysis will help to better inform both government and industry of potential policy focus areas for improving and strengthening standalone coastal shipping and multi modal freight models.

#### **3. Why have I been invited to participate?**

You have been invited to participate as you have significant expertise in coastal shipping at a senior level that can provide unique insights that can add benefit to this study. Your perspectives will offer considerable value and strengthen the understandings of coastal shipping for the purposes of this research. Your participation in this research is voluntary and while we ideally welcome your participation, we respect your choice to not take part.



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#### **4. What will I be asked to do?**

You will be asked to participate in an online survey. The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

#### **5. Are there any possible benefits from participation in this study?**

This study advances the knowledge about the challenges and opportunities of Australian coastal shipping and where government policy can support positive outcomes to Australia's future domestic freight task. This research can also provide benefits to you and your organisation as the findings from this research may identify coastal shipping related issues and potential improvements that will gain greater awareness from being published in industry and academic publications.

A summary of the findings will be made available to participants upon request by sending an email to [mike.brindley@utas.edu.au](mailto:mike.brindley@utas.edu.au)

#### **6. Are there any possible risks from participation in this study?**

There are no specific risks anticipated with participation in this study.

#### **7. What if I change my mind during or after the study?**

Your involvement in this study is totally voluntary.

Invited participants can choose not to participate in the survey when they are prompted to provide consent on the survey page (using the link appearing on the next page) before they commence the survey. Due to the anonymous nature of the survey individual participants cannot be identified once the participant agrees to participate and then completes the survey.

After completing the survey, we will not be able to remove any data collected as it will have been de-identified for analysis to ensure all survey responses remain anonymous.

#### **8. What will happen to the data when this study is over?**

All data, including survey responses will be stored in a password-protected computer and a server of the University of Tasmania for a period of five years from the publication of the study results, accessible to the researchers only. All data will be securely destroyed at the end of five years.

#### **9. How will the results of the study be published?**

The results from this study will be published in the form of a PhD thesis. It is also our intention to provide a summary of findings to participants and to write and publish scientific articles in academic journals, conferences, and in industry publications,

#### **10. Who do I contact if I have questions about this study?**



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If you have any queries, concerns, or issues with this study, please feel free to contact us:

- Michael Brindley – email: [mike.brindley@utas.edu.au](mailto:mike.brindley@utas.edu.au)
- Stephen Cahoon – email: [stephen.cahoon@utas.edu.au](mailto:stephen.cahoon@utas.edu.au) – contact phone: 03 6226 2306
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This study has been granted an exemption of ethics review by the University of Tasmania Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC), in accordance with guidance from the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (updated 2018). If you have concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study, you can contact the Executive Officer of the HREC on +61 3 6226 6254 or email [human.ethics@utas.edu.au](mailto:human.ethics@utas.edu.au). The Executive Officer is the person nominated to receive complaints from research participants. You will need to quote reference number 31958.

### 11. How can I agree to be involved?

To participate in the survey, click on the link appearing at the end of this sentence and then follow the prompts to provide consent to start the survey.

Survey link: [https://utas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_aelNryCTqpbw8QK](https://utas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aelNryCTqpbw8QK)

Thank you for your time in considering this study.

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