



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET (Group Meetings)

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Project Title:	Alternative multi-unit housing provision in Australia

PROJECT OVERVIEW: This research is interested in constructing (and sharing) knowledge on alternatives to existing speculative multi-unit housing provision in Australia. It will engage a diverse array of key stakeholders from multiple development projects to interrogate the why, what and how of alternative practices. Advocates, residents, future residents, design and industry professionals, government agencies and financiers alike will all provide their unique perspectives on the current pursuit of alternative multi-unit housing provision (AMU).

Any multi-unit housing development which actively pursues disruption of existing systems is included here as an AMU project. It might be community-led or professionally-led, engage future residents in design or not. It might involve atypical material or spatial design approaches, or it might not. Regardless of how an AMU project deviates from the norm, each one provides insight into options for delivering the future visions of more sustainable, walkable, and liveable communities promoted by Australia's strategic urban plans.

Previous work by the researcher identified, among other things, barriers to AMU existent at project and system levels in Australia. This research will build upon that previous work, continuing to learn from how stakeholders negotiate these barriers. Most importantly, this research is flexible and continuous, meaning it will follow AMU developments in progress and include new developments or ideas as they emerge, recording and responding to knowledge as it transpires. Through multiple interviews with key stakeholders over time, it will document changes in the sector and share experiences among participants.

YOUR ROLE: You are invited to participate in this project based on your involvement as a key stakeholder in alternative multi-unit housing project(s). This will simply involve the researcher observing meetings in which you are participating.

Participants in group meetings will remain anonymous and will not be directly identified without prior written consent. Pseudonyms may be used in publications arising from the research.

Participants may be invited to participate in a 15-30 minute follow-up interview, conducted in-person or over the telephone.

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES:

This research will observe AMU housing developments across Australia over time. It will likely include developments yet to be conceived, and as such avoids predetermining, specific outcomes. The purpose of the research is to produce knowledge to progress AMU housing in Australia; to provide insights to assist current and future AMU stakeholders to seek the disruption they pursue. Along the journey, participants will be invited to join an on-line project community where they will be provided with project updates and notified of project outcomes, such as reports, conference materials, journal articles etc.



If you would like to receive a summary of the research findings, please contact the researcher. Additionally, a project webpage will be established for participants, the address will be provided when available.

PARTICIPATION:

- Participation is voluntary
- It is not anticipated that there are any risks to participation in this study beyond those encountered during everyday life.
- If you decide to participate, you may withdraw at any time without providing a reason. In the case of withdrawal all information you have provided will be destroyed.
- Participants may discontinue involvement with the research at any time without providing a reason. Information collected prior to discontinuation will remain available for use in the project.
- Participants will not be directly identified without prior consent or unless required by law.

DATA:

- All information collected as part of the study will be archived for a period of seven years. During this time, digital files will be stored on the University of South Australia U drive, accessible only to the researcher, and any hard copies retained will be secured in locked cabinets at the School of Art, Architecture and Design. The stored data will be individually identifiable.
- Subject to receiving ethics approval, this data may potentially be used for future research projects.

This project has been approved by the University of South Australia's Human Research Ethics Committee. If participants or third parties wish to lodge a complaint about either the study or the way it is being conducted, contact the Executive Officer of UniSA HREC in the first instance, email: humanethics@unisa.edu.au or tel: 8302 3118.

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