

Invitation to Participate in Research

You are invited to participate in a study of court users' views on the comfort and safety of court facilities. We are interested in finding out about how easy courts are to get around, whether they are comfortable public buildings, and whether people feel safe when visiting them. We are particularly interested in your views as a community advocate.

If you choose to participate, you will visit two courts in Melbourne's CBD over two consecutive mornings. You may either attend on the 9th – 10th August, or alternatively on the 11th - 12th August, 2011. On each day, you will note down your views and impressions of the buildings and facilities visited. At the end of the court visit on the second morning, you will participate in a focus group, over lunch which is provided, to share your experiences and impressions. On the first day you will be required from 8.30am – 11am, and 8.30am – 12.30pm on the second. You will be given \$150 Coles / Myer voucher to cover any expenses or loss of income due to participating over the two days. Please note that numbers are limited and that once we have reached the maximum number of participants, no more participants will be included.

If you are interested in participating, please get in touch with the researchers on the project, Mira Taitz on mtaitz@csu.edu.au and Emma Rowden on e.rowden@uws.edu.au.

Your decision about whether to participate is entirely voluntary and your decision whether or not to proceed will not prejudice your future relations with the courts visited or with The University of Western Sydney. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent at any time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Professor David Tait, at david.tait@uws.edu.au.

Thank you for considering this invitation.

Kind regards,

David Tait

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