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CONSENT FORM – parents of focus group and interview participants

Maintaining a heritage language and developing an ethnic identity in the third generation: the Australian Latvian experience

I _____ *(parents's name)* have read the information sheet and agree to my son/daughter _____ *(participant's name)* participating in the research project "Maintaining a heritage language and developing an ethnic identity in the third generation: the Australian Latvian experience" being conducted by Linda Ozers (phone 0409 848 533 or email linda.ozers@student.uts.edu.au) of the University of Technology Sydney for her degree Doctor of Philosophy.

I understand that the purpose of this study is to find out about the use of the Latvian language and its role in the identity of third generation Australian Latvians. I understand that he/she has been asked to participate in this research because he/she is a third generation Australian Latvian.

I understand that this research will involve being part of a small focus group for an hour at the Latvian summer high school. This focus group session will be conducted in English, audio-recorded and then transcribed. His/her identity will not be revealed and fake names will be used.

I understand that he/she may also wish to participate in a follow-up interview held later in the year in Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide for about an hour. This interview will be conducted in his/her choice of English or Latvian, audio-recorded and then transcribed. His/her identity will not be revealed and fake names will be used.

I am aware that I can contact Linda Ozers or her supervisor Alastair Pennycook 9514 3067or alastair.pennycook@uts.edu.au, if I have any concerns about the research. I also understand that my son/daughter is free to withdraw my participation from this research project at any time, without consequences, and without giving a reason.

I agree that the research data gathered from this project may be published in a form that does not identify him/her in any way.

I agree for my son/daughter to participate in: focus group only _____ or

focus group and interview _____ (Please tick one only)

_____ ____/____/____
Signature (parent)

_____ ____/____/____
Signature (researcher or delegate)

NOTE:
This study has been approved by the University of Technology, Sydney Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any complaints or reservations about any aspect of your participation in this research which you cannot resolve with the researcher, you may contact the Ethics Committee through the Research Ethics Officer (ph: +61 2 9514 9772 Research.Ethics@uts.edu.au). Any complaint you make will be treated in confidence and investigated fully and you will be informed of the outcome.