

## Political Studies

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My name is Lea September, and I am studying at Wits University for an MA in political science. My supervisor is Prof. Sheila Meintjes. I am inviting you to participate in a research study. You were identified as a possible research participant because you fit the criteria set for selecting my research informants. Your involvement in this study is voluntary, so you may choose to participate or not. This sheet will explain to you the study I am undertaking and please feel free to ask questions about the research if you have any. I will be happy to explain anything in greater detail if you wish.

### **Purpose of the Research Project**

The purpose of my research is to find out how the relocation process unfolded in Rasimone to make way for mining activities

### **What to expect during the interview**

I will first conduct more structured interviews with you in order to record your biographical information (age, nationality, ethnicity, education and skill levels, etc). I will then continue with a conversation on your experience/role before, during and after the relocation in order to reconstitute a chronology of events.

The interview should take at most 1 ½ hours. I also ask for your permission to tape-record my interview with you, which will be transcribed at a later time.

### **Benefits to participating:**

You may not personally benefit from participating in this research project. However the 'development' nature of this research activity offers you an opportunity to contribute to academic and official understanding of mining induced resettlement processes.

### **Risks or discomforts to participating:**

The risks associated with your participation are minimal. If you feel you are experiencing any discomfort sharing any piece of information with me, you can stop the interview, or ask me to move on to the next question. I will keep confidential all mentions of third parties in these interviews. When I contact a third party that you mention during the interview, I will not reveal your name as an informant.



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In my presentation and publications, I will use a fictitious name as an alternative to your true name unless you specify otherwise.

### **Confidentiality of your responses:**

I would like to use your responses as a research source and may sometimes cite them as direct quotes in my report. In all publications or presentations resulting from this research, your individual privacy will be maintained, in the way that you wish it to be. This means I will not use your name when using the quotes from your interview, even if I may use other references to your identity such as job, gender, sexuality, etc.

### **Voluntary participation & your rights:**

Your participation in this project is entirely voluntary, and you can choose to stop at any time without any negative consequences. You can also refuse to answer any question(s) for any reason. You can stop the interview at any time, or ask that the tape recorder be turned off for certain answers and then turned back on.

### **Contact information:**

If you have any questions regarding this project, you may contact Professional Sheila Meintjes by phone on 011 717 4371 or by email at [Sheila.Meintjes@wits.ac.za](mailto:Sheila.Meintjes@wits.ac.za). If you have questions regarding your rights as a participant or wish to report any research-related discomforts or concerns, you may report them to the above-mentioned person.

All of my questions have been answered and I wish to participate in this research study.

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Signature of participant

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Date

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Print name of participant

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Date

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Name of investigator

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Date