



## Explanatory Statement: Measuring outcomes of food waste initiative

This survey is being conducted by BehaviourWorks Australia at Monash University on behalf of OzHarvest. The aim of the survey is to identify the types and amounts of food that you typically throw away during a normal week, as well how often you perform certain types of behaviours. This will help to understand how the *Use It Up Tape* that you have ordered from OzHarvest can help Australian households reduce food waste.

This research is part of a larger project supported by the Australian Government through its Environmental Restoration Fund.

***This is the first of two surveys and we ask that you complete it before using the tape in your home. The second survey will be sent to you in about 2-3 weeks, will ask similar questions, and take about the same time to complete.***

If you agree to participate, it will only take up to 10 minutes to complete this survey. Participating will not require you to reveal any information (beyond your postcode and birthdate) that could be used to identify you. We will also ask you some basic demographic questions such as your age range, how many people you live with etc.

While the survey results will mainly be reported in collated summary format, individual responses may also be shared with OzHarvest to better understand the impact of the tape. Our findings will be written up as a report and possibly a paper for publication in an academic journal. If you would like a copy of our findings, please get in touch with the lead researcher (below).

Your participation is completely voluntary and we will assume your submission of the survey means that you consent to participate. You can choose not to complete the survey. However, once you complete the survey, it is not possible to withdraw. Only the researcher and OzHarvest will have access to the raw electronic data that you submit as part of this. The electronic data will be secured on the Monash network drive (protected by restricted access), will be retained for at least five years, and may be used by the research team for comparative purposes in the future.

Please remember that there are no right or wrong answers. We are interested in your honest responses as they will help better understand how the Use it Up tape works. If you have any concerns or complaints about the project, you can contact the Executive Officer of the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee and quote the ***following project number: 30672.***

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