1. What is the research study about?
You are invited to take part in this research study. The research study aims to understand the implications of new and emerging Assistive Technologies (AT) for older people and those living with a disability. You have been invited because you responded to the study flyer.

2. Who is conducting this research?
The study is being carried out by the following researchers:
University of New South Wales: Professor Catherine Bridge, Ms Tracy Huang, Mr. Fredrick Zdmuski
University of Tasmania: Dr. Ceridwen Owen
University of Adelaide: Dr. Debbie Faulkner

Research Funder: This research is being funded by Australian Housing Urban Research Institute (AHURI)

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria
Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for you to take part. The research study is looking recruit people who meet the following criteria:
• Are 18+ or guardian can complete the survey for you;
• Have assistive device(s) at home that uses smart technology such as Google Home, Amazon Alexa or similar.
• Male, Female or Other
• Have a disability (ageing or non-ageing related).

4. Do I have to take part in this research study?
Participation in any research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:
• Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
• Complete the online questionnaire.

5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?
This research requires you to fill out an online survey. You will be presented with information relevant to new and emerging assistive technologies and asked to answer three sets of questions. The first set of questions will be related to the assistive devices you use in your home. The second set of questions will be related to how the assistive devices affect your quality of life. The final set of questions are demographic questions that are related to the study. Please be assured that your responses will be kept completely confidential. The study should take you around 20 minutes to complete. Your participation in this research is voluntary.

Once you start the survey, you are able to save and continue the survey at another time. If the survey remains inactive and incomplete for over 1 week, the survey will close automatically.

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do this by closing the questionnaire. If you withdraw from the research, we will destroy any information that has already been collected. Once you have submitted the questionnaire however, we will not be able to withdraw your responses as the questionnaire is anonymous. If you have provided your details to be contacted for any follow up research and wish to withdraw your expression of interest, you may contact one of our research team members. In this case, we will delete your contact details from our database and will not make further contact.
If you elect to participate in further research and voluntarily provide us with your contact details. Your contact details will only be used to enable you to elaborate on your Assistive Technology experiences for the purpose of this research study only. To ensure the privacy and confidentiality of the information that is collected, the research team remove any identifying information and replace it with a code. The research team will only use the information that it collects for this project.

If you experience discomfort or feelings of distress while participating in the research and you require support, you can stop participating at any time. To exit the survey, close your internet browser on your computer or mobile device. If you have any additional concerns, you can also contact a member of the research team and they will provide you with assistance or alternatively a list of support services and their contact details are provided below.

6. What are the possible benefits to participation?
We hope to use information we get from this research study to benefit others who are existing or interested in using new and emerging technologies as assistive device(s). The project is also funded by the Australian Housing Urban Research Institute for the purpose of informing policy developments.

7. What will happen to information about me?
Submission of the online questionnaire is an indication of your consent. By clicking the ‘I agree to participate’ button you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use information about you for the research study. Your data will be kept for a period of 5 years after the publication of the research results. We will store information about you in a non-identifiable format on the University of New South Wales secure server. Your information will only be used for analysis. The results of the analysis will be included in the final project report. This will be made available to the public on the AHURI website at the completion of the project.

8. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?
Our final research report will be available on the AHURI website once it has been through the double-blind peer review process ensuring the quality and rigour of the research. This will be publicly accessible at the completion of the research project. In addition to the AHURI report, the research team intends to publish and report the results of the research study in a variety of ways. All information published will be done in a way that will not identify you. If you would like to receive a copy of the results you can let the research team know by emailing c.bridge@unsw.edu. We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

9. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?
If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do so by completing the ‘Withdrawal of Consent Form’ which is provided at the end of this document. Alternatively, you can ring the research team and tell them you no longer want to participate. If you decide to leave the research study, the researchers will destroy any information that has already been collected and no additional information will be collected from you. Your decision not to participate or to withdraw from the study, will not affect your relationship with UNSW Sydney and AHURI.

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a compliant about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further
Online Participant Information Statement

Impacts of new and emerging Assistive Technologies for ageing and disabled housing.

Professor Catherine Bridge

Information on how the University protects personal information is available in the UNSW Privacy Management Plan.

10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

Research Team Contact

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Professor Catherine Bridge</th>
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<tr>
<td>Position</td>
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<td>1800 305 486</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:HMinfo@unsw.edu.au">HMinfo@unsw.edu.au</a></td>
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Support Services Contact Details

If at any stage during the study, you become distressed or require additional support from someone not involved in the research please call:

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<td>Support Services – National Helpline</td>
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<td>Telephone</td>
<td>1300 22 4636</td>
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<td>Email</td>
<td><a href="mailto:infoline@beyondblue.org.au">infoline@beyondblue.org.au</a></td>
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What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

Complaints Contact

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Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

Declaration by the participant

I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
I have read the Participant Information Sheet or it has been provided to me in a language that I understand;
I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study only.
I understand that if necessary I can ask questions and the research team will respond to my questions.
I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
I understand that I can download a copy of this consent from www.homemods.info/atconsentform

I agree, start questionnaire