1. What is the research study about?
   This is an invitation for you and your child in your care to take part in this research project, which is called “Impacts of new and emerging Assistive Technologies for ageing and disabled housing.” 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 the Australian Housing Urban Research Institute (AHURI)

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria
   Before you decide to allow your child to participate in this research project, we need to ensure that it is ok for your child to take part. The research study is looking for children that meet the following criteria:
   - Have assistive(s) at home that uses smart technology such as Google Home, Amazpon Alexa or similar
   - Have a disability (agening or non-ageing related)
   - Male, Female or Other.

4. Do I have to take part in this research study?
   Participation in this research study is voluntary. If you or your child does not want to take part, you do not have to. If you decide to take part and later change your mind, you are free to withdraw from the study at any stage.

   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);
   - Sign and return the consent form if you decide to participate in the study;
   - Take a copy of this form with you to keep.

5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?
   If you consent for your child to take part in the research study, we will ask you to complete an online survey on behalf of your child. 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 your child uses in the home. The second set of questions will be related to how the assistive devices affect your child’s quality of life. The final set of questions are demographic questions that are related to the study. Please be assure that your responses will be kept completely confidential. The study should take approximately 20minutes to complete. 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 questions is anonymous. If you have provided your details to be contacted for 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 for the purpose of future research closely related to this research topic. 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. You can also tell 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 (AHURI) for the purpose of informing policy developments. 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 in 2020.

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 your child for the research study. We will keep the data for a period of 5 years after the publication of the research results. We will store information about your child 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.

   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 complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [UNSW Privacy Management Plan](#).

8. **How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?**
   The results will also be made available 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/ or 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 or your child.

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 and your child 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 your child to participate. Your decision not to participate or to withdraw your child from the study will not affect your relationship with UNSW Sydney and AHURI.
If you decide to leave the research study, the researchers will not collect additional information from you or your child. Any identifiable information about you or your child will be withdrawn from the research project.

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 want any further information concerning this project or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the project, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

11. Research Team Contact

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Professor Catherine Bridge</th>
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<td>Position</td>
<td>Director of Home Modification Information Clearinghouse</td>
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<td>Telephone</td>
<td>1800 305 486</td>
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<td>Email</td>
<td><a href="mailto:HMinfo@unsw.edu.au">HMinfo@unsw.edu.au</a></td>
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12. Support Services Contact Details
If at any stage during the project you or your child becomes distressed or require additional support from someone not involved in the research please call:

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<th>Name/Organisation</th>
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<td>Position</td>
<td>Support Services – National Helpline</td>
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<tr>
<td>Telephone</td>
<td>1300 22 4636</td>
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<tr>
<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 any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted, then you may contact:

Complaints Contact

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<td>Telephone</td>
<td>+ 61 2 9385 6222</td>
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<td>Email</td>
<td><a href="mailto:humanethics@unsw.edu.au">humanethics@unsw.edu.au</a></td>
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Consent Form – Parent/Guardian Consent

Declaration by the participant

I understand I am being asked to provide consent to allow my child to participate in this research project; I have read the Participant Information Sheet or someone has read it to me in a language that I understand; I understand the aim of this research and have been given a description of the study tasks and I understand what my child will be asked to do; I provide my consent for the information collected about me or my child 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 project 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 form from www.homemods.info/atconsent I understand if I would like to receive a copy of the study results via email or post, I can contact the researchers via the email listed above in section 8;

I agree, start questionnaire