

Participant information sheet: Parents and carers

Social impacts of place branding: the Little Tasmanian story

[Little Tasmanian project evaluation]

Invitation

You are invited to participate in an interview to tell us about how you have experienced receiving a Little Tasmanian library bag.

Background information

Little Tasmanian brings the Tasmanian story into the lives of new Tasmanians in their early years. In a sense, it helps introduce babies to being Tasmanian at the earliest stage of life.

Little Tasmanian involves:

- Being given a **library bag**.
 - Version 1 included a white cotton Tasmanian onesie, a board book called Little Tasmanian, a library card voucher, and a magnet with information about the first 1,000 days. It was available to babies born from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2024.
 - Version 2 includes a playmat, a board book called Little Tasmanian: Katy's Garden, a library card voucher, and a magnet with information about the first 1,000 days. It is available to babies born from 1 July 2024.
- Having access to **Little Tasmanian digital resources**, which include PDFs and videos of the board books, stories about parents and service providers, early childhood information relevant to life in Tasmania, and social media content.

Every parent or carer of a child born in Tasmania during the life of the project is eligible to receive one of the bags, usually at their baby's two-week development check with their Child and Family Health Nurse.

Why we need your help

Little Tasmanian is coordinated by Brand Tasmania, a Tasmanian Government place branding statutory authority. The program is delivered in partnership with the Child Health and Parenting Service (CHaPS) and other partners serving the early years. The project started as part of the ['It Takes a Tasmanian Village' Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy](#).

This study is being done at the University of Tasmania as part of a PhD.

Who should take part in an interview?

We are asking you your views because you are a parent or carer who received a Little Tasmanian library bag on behalf of your baby.

We want to know what you think about raising children in Tasmania. We'd also like to know what it was like to get the library bag and Little Tasmanian resources.

The results of the study will help to improve Little Tasmanian and help policymakers understand what it's like raising children in Tasmania.

What is involved?

The interview will take about 30 minutes to complete. Depending on time, location, and your preferences, the interview can be in person, on Zoom, by phone, or by email.

You will be asked to provide details and examples about your experiences sharing your story for Little Tasmanian. You don't need to answer any questions you don't want to.

What are the risks and benefits of participating?

The interview is a chance to have an in-depth, one-on-one conversation about your experience.

Benefits include the opportunity to influence what happens next with Little Tasmanian. The interview gives you a chance to add your voice to a program that reaches every new baby born in Tasmania. Although not every idea can be acted upon, all input will be analysed and fed back through reporting, publication, and recommendations.

The only anticipated risk is the potential for mild emotional discomfort from sharing your experiences. You can also tell a member of the team about that using the contact information on page 3. If you require support from someone outside the research team, you can contact [Lifeline](#) at 13 11 14.

Participation is voluntary. Having received a Little Tasmanian library bag does not mean you are required to participate. Whether or not you participate won't affect your relationship with Brand Tasmania or CHaPS in any way.

Will answers be kept confidential?

All personal information will be kept confidential. Quotes will use pseudonyms unless you consent to your name being used. When we release results, we will never name an individual person who participated unless you have given us permission to do so. If you choose for quotes to be anonymous and use pseudonyms, you may still be able to recognise quotes you have given.

The interview data will be stored securely at the University of Tasmania. De-identified data may be shared with Brand Tasmania, where it will be stored in accordance with the obligations set out in the *Personal Information Protection Act (TAS) 2004*. Brand Tasmania will not have access to survey participants' personal information.

Your data will be destroyed 5 years after the study's last publication has been finished unless you agree it can be kept longer.

Who is conducting the interview?

The Little Tasmanian project evaluation is coordinated by the University of Tasmania.

A reference group including staff from the University of Tasmania, Brand Tasmania, and CHaPS provide guidance and advice.

Marisa McArthur will conduct the interviews as part of her PhD research.

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What will happen with the results?

Your responses will be analysed with all the other interview responses. What we learn will help provide recommendations to Brand Tasmania about the impact of Little Tasmanian and the library bags – what to keep the same, what to change, and ideas for what to do next. Results will be published so others can learn from what we’ve done in Tasmania. We will share a summary of results with you.

How can you agree to be involved?

You can sign the attached consent form to agree to participate.

Contact information

If you would like more information about the project, please contact:

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This study has been approved by the University of Tasmania Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study, you can contact the Executive Officer of the HREC at human.ethics@utas.edu.au or 03 6226 6254. The Executive Officer is the person nominated to receive complaints from research participants. You will need to quote ethics approval number H0029458.

This participant information sheet is yours to keep. Thank you for your time and interest in this project.