

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

PROJECT TITLE: The experiences of individuals with neurological disorders before, during and after tropical cyclones in Queensland (HREC No: H6994)

You are invited to participate in a research project about the experiences of people with neurological conditions before, during and after Tropical Cyclones Yasi and Debbie. The study is being conducted by Jenny Quail, a post-graduate student at James Cook University.

If you agree to be involved in the study, you will be invited to be interviewed. The semi-structured interview, with your consent, will be audio-recorded and transcribed, and should only take around 45-60 minutes of your time. The interview will be conducted by phone, Skype, or face-to-face at a venue of your choice.

Taking part in this study is completely voluntary and you can stop taking part in the study at any time without explanation or prejudice. You may also withdraw any unprocessed data from the study.

Your responses and contact details will be kept strictly confidential. The data from the study will be used in research publications, conference presentations, and reports. You will not be identified in any way in these publications.

If you know of any other persons who may be interested in participating in this research, could you please forward them this information sheet so that they can contact me to volunteer for the study.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact:

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Some people may become distressed when recounting their experience of a cyclone event. If you feel you need to talk to a counsellor, you can call Lifeline Australia on 13 11 14 for assistance.

If you have any concerns regarding the ethical conduct of the study, please contact:

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