

Designing-out Plastic:

Creating innovative ways to reduce and manage plastic waste in Brisbane

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What is the purpose of the research?

The purpose of this research is to design a new system to help people reduce individual and household plastic consumption and waste.

Are you looking for people like me?

The research team is inviting people who:

- Live in Brisbane.
- Are over 18 years old.
- Are the responsible for their household.

What will you ask me to do?

You will be asked to participate in a 3h co-design workshop design an intervention that will help people reduce their levels of plastic consumption and waste. During this workshop you will be asked to participate in group discussions and creative design and prototyping sessions.

Are there any risks for me in taking part?

The research team does not believe there are any risks beyond normal day-to-day living associated with your participation in this research, except that of potential discomfort in sharing your ideas during the discussions around plastic use and disposal.

It should be noted that if you do agree to participate you can withdraw from participation in the research project without comment or penalty.

Are there any benefits for me in taking part?

It is expected that this research project will benefit you directly by:

- Raising awareness on the issue of plastic and helping you identify some personal plastic consumption and disposal patterns.
- By creating an artefact that might, in the future, help you better manage your plastic consumption and disposal.

Will I be compensated for my time?

Yes, all participants in the co-design workshop will receive a small “plastic-free beginners kit” containing: 3x bees wax-cloths, and a small booklet with tips on how to substitute plastic items in the household.

Who is funding this research?

The research project is internally funded by QUT IFE Catapult Scheme.

I am interested – what should I do next?

If you are interested in participating in this study, please follow this link to the study site:

<https://www.designingoutplastics.com/>

Alternatively you can contact the researcher for details of the next step:

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You will be provided with further information to ensure that your decision and consent to participate is fully informed.

Thank You!

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