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|  | BlacktownTraffic Offenders Program (TOP) Inc. |

 **Information and Consent Form**

**BTOP: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .** *Reviewed 26 February 2024*

As a participant in the Blacktown Traffic Offenders Program, you are asked to take part in research regarding traffic offenders and driving. Taking part in this research is completely voluntary.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the research is to see how effective the program is for people who have been found guilty of speeding, drink driving and other driving offences. The information will be used to improve the educational information given in the program lessons, and to develop new lessons and new ways of teaching.

**Participation, and later withdrawal**

If you decide to take part, you are free to withdraw at any time without having to give a reason. If you choose not to take part, or to later withdraw, it **WILL NOT** make any difference to your course outcomes in the Blacktown Traffic Offenders Program. A Court Report will still be submitted concerning your attendance and your completion of the assignments.

**Confidentiality**

Any information and/or personal details gathered in the course of the study are confidential. Access to this data will be restricted to those people directly involved in the collection of information regarding traffic offenders and driving behaviour, and no individual will be identified in any report or results.

**Consent**

I understand that I am consenting to answering questions about the lessons in the Blacktown Traffic Offenders Program. The questions may be either by a written or online questionnaire, by an individual interview, or a group discussion with other people in the program. What I think and say may be written down or recorded, but I will not be able to be identified in any research reports or results.

**Ethics**

I acknowledge that any use of the information I provide will be done according to the guidelines outlined in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research, issued by the National Health & Medical Research Council in 2007 and updated in 2018.

If I have any questions about the research I can talk with the Co-ordinator, Dr Ian Faulks (mob 0418 494 022) or discuss my concerns with the Chairman of the Blacktown Traffic Offenders Program, Mr David Bamford (mob 0418 418 722).

Participant’s Name: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

(*Use* *block letters, as shown in your drivers licence*)

☐ YES. I have read and understand the information above, and any questions I have asked have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree freely to take part in the collection of information regarding traffic offenders and driving, knowing that I can withdraw from taking part at any time without any consequence.

☐ NO. I don’t want to take part in the research.

Participant’s Signature: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Date: . . . . . / . . . . ./.20 . . .

***Thank you - Please email this Information & Consent form back to blacktowntop@gmail.com***