**NSW Population & Health Services Research Ethics Committee**

**Request for an Amendment to an Approved Research Project**

CI NSW Study Reference Number: 2022/ETH00905

AU RED Study Reference Number:

***Please note: Amendments will not be considered without tracked and clean versions of all changed documentation.***

1. **Title of the Project**

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| Australian Urban Health Indicators (AusUrb-HI): Urban Heat, Liveability and Health study |

1. **Date of Approval by HREC**

When was this project given approval by the HREC?

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| **15 / 5 / 2023** |

1. **HREC Approval Expiry Date**

When will HREC approval for the study expire (including any approved extensions)?

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| **15 / 5 / 2028** |

1. **Principal Investigator**

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1. **Single site / Multi-site study**

Is the study:  Multi-site (within NSW) or  Single site?

1. **Project Status**

Please provide a one paragraph lay summary of your project and its current status.

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| The Australian Urban Health Indicators (AusUrb-HI) project will develop new indicator data assets to improve our understanding of the heat health of urban populations and identify incidence patterns and key risk factors across the population. The project is at the final stage of generating the indicators, with complete methodology, as well as almost fully ready datasets & scripts to be processed and executed. |

**7. Have amendments previously been approved for this study?**  **Yes**  **No**

If yes, briefly list the amendment(s) with identifying version control.

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1. **Nature and reasons for current amendment(s):** (E.g. changes to the protocol, Investigator Brochure, Participant Information Sheet and Consent form, or other study documentation; or the addition of new sites).

***Please note: All amendments MUST also be updated in the study protocol. New version numbers and dates should be provided on all documents.***

Please provide details of the changes to the project and why they are necessary.

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| One research investigator has taken a leave of absence temporarily, necessitating an immediate replacement to continue the work due to the project's tight schedule.  Newly available datasets related to socio-demographics, the built environment, and land use could greatly improve the analytical result and are therefore added.  These chances are not associated with ethical issues. The researcher is from a site previously approved by the PHSREC, and the newly added datasets are non-sensitive and do not contain any individual record data. |

1. **Do these amendments introduce new risks to participants?  Yes  No**

If yes, please outline any new risks that the changes you propose may create for participants (e.g. changes to confidentiality provisions, physical or psychological risks, increased time commitments etc).

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1. **Do these amendments necessitate changes to the Participant information sheet and consent** **form?**  **Yes  No**

*If yes, please attach tracked and clean versions of all revised documents with identifying version control.*

1. **Do the amendments represent any new ethical issues for participants?**

**Yes  No**

If yes, please outline the ethical issues

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1. **Implications for compliance with legislative requirements:**
2. **Does the amendment involve the collection, use or disclosure of personal health information which is identified, or from which the identity of the person can be reasonably obtained?**

**Yes  No**

If yes, please attach the NSW Health Privacy form.  
<http://www.cancerinstitute.org.au/research-grants-and-funding/ethics/nsw-population-health-services-research-ethics-committee>

1. **Do you currently have an approved waiver of consent?  Yes  No**

**Declaration**

I certify that the above information is accurate and that the project will continue to be carried out in accordance with the original HREC approved protocol and any approved amendments.

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Position:

Signature (Principal Investigator): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Please upload and submit 1 signed copy via** [**REGIS**](https://regis.health.nsw.gov.au/)**. Instructions for this can be found in the** [**Quick Reference Guide**](https://regis.health.nsw.gov.au/how-to/) **titled “Ethics Amendment – Completing and Submitting”.**  Refer to the Guidelines for submission to the NSW Population and Health Services Research Ethics Committee for electronic and/or scanned signature requirements. For any questions please contact the Ethics team at [cinsw-ethics@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cinsw-ethics@health.nsw.gov.au).  ***Please note: If the amendment relates to a change in the research team, please also submit a Notification of Change in Personnel form.*** |