

## MILD

### **Tracking COVID-19 Transmission**

The COVID-19 pandemic has rapidly become a worldwide threat. Containing the virus' spread is essential to minimise the impact on the healthcare system, the economy, and save many lives. The Australian Government might consider using smartphone tracking data to identify and contact those who may have been exposed to people with COVID-19. This would help reduce community spread by identifying those most at risk and allowing health services to be appropriately targeted. **Only people that downloaded a government app and agreed to be tracked and contacted would be included in the project.** The more people that download and use this app the more effectively the Government would be able to contain the spread of COVID-19. Data would be stored in an encrypted format on a secure server accessible only to the Australian Government. **Data would only be used to contact those who might have been exposed to COVID-19.**

Follow up questions after a NO response to the "would you download the app question":

- 1) Would your decision change if the government was required by law to delete the data and cease tracking after six months?
- 2) Would your decision change if data was stored only on your smartphone (not government servers) and you were given the option to provide it if you tested positive to the COVID19 virus?

## SEVERE

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Follow up questions after a NO response to the acceptability question:

- 1) Would your decision change if the government was required to delete the data by law and cease tracking after 6 months?
- 2) Would your decision change if there was an option to opt out of data collection?