Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences

Consent form for persons participating in a research project

PROJECT TITLE: Word learning and optimality

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1. I consent to participate in this project. The purpose of this research is to acquire information about the cultural evolution of language through examining optimal and non-optimal communicative behaviour.

2. I understand that this project is for research purposes only. It is expected that the results of this study will be the basis of a student's Honours thesis and may be presented at conferences and published in a peer-reviewed journal.

3. I will take this experiment online. I will be asked some demographic questions and then undergo a brief language learning task. I will then play a communication game with a bot. There will be two rounds of this. The details of this have been explained in the statement on the previous page.

4. I understand that there are risks involved in participating in this research project, although they are minimal; the largest risk is of some degree of boredom. The study is estimated to take 30 to 50 minutes or thereabouts.

5. My participation is voluntary and I am free to withdraw from the project at any time without explanation or prejudice and to withdraw any unprocessed data I have provided. Withdrawing from the project will not affect my relationship with any person.

7. I have been informed that the data from this research will be stored at the University of Melbourne and may be made available in de-identified form to the scientific community.

8. I have been informed that the confidentiality of the information I provide will be safeguarded subject to any legal requirements. My data is anonymous and not linked to any personal information at any time.

By clicking the "Begin the experiment" button, I give my consent to participate in this project.