



# Housing alternatives for an ageing population in New Zealand: a resource assessment

## INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

Thank you for your interest in this research. Please read this information before deciding whether or not to take part. Whether you decide to take part or not, thank you for considering my request.

### **Who am I?**

My name is Fatemeh Yavari and I am a Doctoral student in Architecture at Victoria University of Wellington. This particular piece of research is work towards my thesis.

### **What is the aim of the research?**

This research aims to compare the environmental and economic implications of making existing housing more suitable for the ageing New Zealand population with building similar but new housing. For this particular piece of my research, I would like to get your feedback on my proposed design options for converting existing houses. This has been approved by the Victoria University of Wellington Human Ethics Committee [*approval number: 23702*].

### **How can you help?**

If you are a person aged 55-85, I would like to invite you to fill out an online questionnaire as a part of my research. The questionnaire shows proposed design solutions for existing houses and asks for your comments and feedback. Your comments will assist me in enhancing the design solutions for further analysis. If you have a partner you can both fill out the survey separately on the same or a different computer, however, if you and your partner are using the same device, the first person needs to complete the survey before the second person can start. **It will take about 15-30 minutes to fill out the whole questionnaire.** If you are not able to finish the survey at the first attempt for any reason, you can close and come back to it at a later time within a week using the same computer and browser. Clicking again on the link will take you back to where you stopped in the survey. I would appreciate you sending this through your networks as appropriate. In appreciation of your time, five grocery vouchers with the value of \$30 each will be offered through a lottery to participants of this study.

**What will happen to the information you give?**

This research is anonymous. This means that you will not be personally identifiable either in the thesis or in any publications related to this research. Only my supervisors and I will read the information obtained from the survey. The documents will be kept securely and destroyed 5 years after the research ends.

**What will this part of the research produce?**

The information from the questionnaires will be used in my PhD thesis. The immediate aim of this online survey is to obtain ideas and comments from potential users for further analysis.

**If you accept this invitation, what are your rights as a research participant?**

You do not have to accept this invitation if you don't want to. If you do decide to participate, you have the right to:

- ) choose not to answer any question;
- ) ask any questions about the study at any time;
- ) be able to read any documents resulting from this research by emailing the researcher to request a copy.

**If you have any questions or problems, who can you contact?**

If you have any questions, either now or in the future, please feel free to contact either:

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**Human Ethics Committee information**

If you have any concerns about the ethical conduct of the research you may contact the Victoria University HEC Convener: Associate Professor Susan Corbett. Email [susan.corbett@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:susan.corbett@vuw.ac.nz) or telephone +64-4-463 5480.