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**4. Do I have to take part in this research study?**

Participation in this research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to. If you decide to take part and later change your mind, you are free to withdraw from the study at any stage.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- Sign and return the consent form if you decide to participate in the study;
- Take a copy of this form with you to keep.

**5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?**

If you agree to participate you will be asked to complete the following research procedures.

**Screening:** We will assess your vision to ensure your unaided or vision corrected with contact lenses is normal using a standard letter chart.

**Questionnaire:** You will be asked to fill out a questionnaire before the first exposure to provide baseline information about your previous experiences in virtual reality and relevant information about your experiences. Also, after each experimental simulation you will be asked to fill out two other questionnaires. The first one will be the Wiu0088741.99Wst one



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- Participants may experience mild cybersickness including nausea and/or vertigo. Sick bags, snacks, water, and seats will be provided for the participant to recover between exposures.
- Risk of infection may occur through shared equipment. To mitigate the risks, sanitation of all equipment and surfaces will occur between participants with 70% isopropyl alcohol. There will be a limit of 4 people in the room at any one time. Masks and hand sanitiser will be readily available for participants and researchers and masks will always be worn during the session by both parties.
- Perceived virtual body ownership and the experiencing of presence in virtual reality have potential risks of discomfort to the participants with the psychological disorders including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Somatoparaphrenia. To minimize the risk, participants are welcome to withdraw the experiment anytime.

**Additional Costs and Reimbursement:**

There are no additional costs nor will you be paid to participate in this study.

**6. What will happen to information about me?**

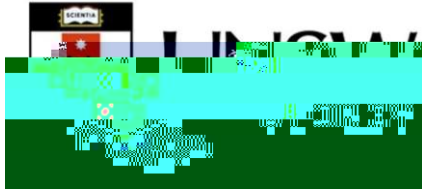
By signing the consent form, you consent to the research team collecting and using information about you for the research study. The research team will store de-identified data collected from you for this research project for a minimum of 5 years after publication of the research results. Collected information will be stored in a non-identifiable format where any identifiers such as your name, date of birth, email address will be replaced with a unique code ensuring your identity will remain unknown.

Information collected from you will be stored on a UNSW password protected OneDrive only accessible to the approved research investigators.

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [\*\*UNSW Privacy Management Plan\*\*](#).

**7. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?**

The research team intends to publish and present the results of the research in both scientific journal and research project presentation. All Information will be published in a way that will not identify you in anyway.



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