



## **Participation Statement**

### **What is this survey about?**

You are invited to do this survey to tell us about **what it is like living as a child or young person in the City of Canterbury Bankstown**. We are trying to make Canterbury Bankstown a Child Friendly City. To be a Child Friendly City, a city has to **uphold all of the rights of children and young people** under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (if you would like more information, please go to this link: <https://childfriendlycities.org/>).

We want to hear from children and young people about **how you think we can do better**. We also want to hear from their parents, families, carers, and the people who work with them. This survey is largely based off the UNICEF-developed self-assessment tools for children and adolescents. We have also included some basic demographic questions.

### **How does this survey work?**

The survey will involve multiple choice questions and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. There will be space to write comments if you would like to, but you don't have to. **This is not a test – there are no right or wrong answers**. You don't have to show anyone else your answers. **You will stay anonymous** and we won't tell anyone you know your answers.

At times during the survey the questions will refer to children - this means children or young people, basically anyone 0-17. The survey was made for people from the age of 8 upwards. If you are younger than 8 years old you can still do the survey. If there are questions you aren't sure how to answer that is ok. You can just tick 'does not apply'.

If you would like to do the survey in a **different language** you can try using the Google Translate tool on the Have Your Say website. If the translation is not clear and you would like some help from an interpreter, please contact Lucy: [Lucy.Stirton@cbcity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Lucy.Stirton@cbcity.nsw.gov.au)

**If any part of this survey makes you feel uncomfortable or upset you can call the Kids Helpline24 hours a day on: 1800 55 1800** or go to [kidshelp.com.au](http://kidshelp.com.au) for online counselling. It is **your choice** whether you want to complete this survey or not. You can stop the survey at any time if you change your mind. We will only use your answers for our research if you finish the survey.



**Who is running this project?**

This project is being run by Lucy Stirton and Karen Roberts. Lucy is a Social Worker, and Karen is the Manager of Children’s Services. If you do not need help urgently but need someone to talk to, or you have questions about the survey, you can also email:

[Karen.Roberts@cbciry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Karen.Roberts@cbciry.nsw.gov.au) or [Lucy.Stirton@cbciry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Lucy.Stirton@cbciry.nsw.gov.au)

**How long will the survey be open?**

This survey is open until the **31/10/2018**.

**When will we see the results of the surveys?**

We expect that the report (The State of Canterbury Bankstown’s Children Report) from our research will be made available on the council website by early 2019.