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**Information Statement for the Research Project:
Surveys for ARBE4121 'Research in the Built Environment'
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You are invited to participate in the research project identified above which is being conducted by Peter Ward and Tony Cao from the School of Architecture and Built Environment at the University of Newcastle. The research is part of Tony Cao's studies at the University of Newcastle, supervised by Peter Ward from the School of Architecture and Built Environment. Participants have been selected through searching Google Search Engine Database for public available websites and LinkedIn Professional Network. Further, participants have also been selected through the following Government departments:

1. Department of Commerce – Find an Adjudicator Register
<https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/building-commission/find-adjudicator>
2. Northern Territory Construction Contracts Register
<https://nt.gov.au/property/building-and-development/construction-contracts-and-resolving-disputes/list-of-registered-adjudicators>
3. Queensland BCIPA Adjudication Register
<https://data.qld.gov.au/dataset/adjudicators-register>

Why is the research being done?

The purpose of the research is to explore case studies at either project and/or organisational through surveys. This data is the basis of Tony Cao's thesis in the course ARBE4121 'Research in the Built Environment' for Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours)

Who can participate in the research?

We are asking professionals and professional bodies in the built environment as they are an essential element of professional practice for both architecture and construction management, to participate in this research.

What would you be asked to do?

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to fill out an online survey. The online survey is about the involvement/removal of Authorised Nominating Authorities (ANA) from the Building and Construction Industry Payment Act (BCIPA). We would like your perspective and opinion regarding the subject matter.

What choice do you have?

Participation in this research is entirely your choice. Only those professionals and professional organisations who give their informed consent will be included in the project. Whether or not you decide to participate, your decision will not disadvantage you. If you do decide to participate, you may withdraw from the project at any time prior to submitting your complete survey. Please note that due to the anonymous nature of the survey, you will not be able to withdraw your response after it has submitted.

How much time will it take?

The survey will take up to 30 minutes to complete online.

What are the risks and benefits of participating?

There are no risks to any participants. Although there is no direct benefit for the professional or professional organisation there are benefits to the general public through research and training of future architecture and construction professionals.

How will your privacy be protected?

We would be asking your permission to complete this survey. The survey will be conducted through SurveyMonkey. It will be confidential and any data that is collected that could possibly identify you will be de-identified. Should there be any data that needs to be stored before being rendered anonymous it will be held securely on a computer hard drive and kept within password-protected folders. [This data will only be accessed by Peter Ward]. On completion of the research, all data will be stored securely for five years in the office of Peter Ward after which time it would be destroyed.

How will the information collected be used?

The data that is collected is the crucial element of a thesis for the course ARBE4121 'Research in the Built Environment.' Some of the students and supervisors will publish the results of this research in academic journals. You can access a summary of the results of the research by emailing Peter Ward P.ward@uon.edu.au or Tony Cao tony.cao@uon.edu.au.

What do you need to do to participate?

Please read this Information Statement and be sure you understand its contents before you consent to participate. If there is anything you do not understand, or you have questions, contact the researcher. The online survey involves reading statements and selecting the answer which best describes your views and opinions. Please click on the link below to begin the online questionnaire survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/research-thesis>



If you would like to participate, please complete the enclosed consent form and online questionnaire survey through SurveyMonkey and submit your submission.

All responses must be submitted before **31st August 2016**.

Further information

If you would like further information please contact Tony Cao tony.cao@uon.edu.au +61430 921 750 or Peter Ward P.ward@uon.edu.au +61 2 4921 5770.

Thank you for considering this invitation.

Name of Supervisor

Peter Ward

Complaints about this research

This project has been approved by the University's Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval **No. H-2016-0160**.

Should you have concerns about your rights as a participant in this research, or you have a complaint about the manner in which the research is conducted, it may be given to the researcher, or, if an independent person is preferred, to the Human Research Ethics Officer, Research Integrity Unit, Research Services, The University of Newcastle, Callaghan NSW 2308, telephone (02) 4921 6333, email human-ethics@newcastle.edu.au.