

Invitation to be Interviewed as Part of a Research Study: Perspectives on Urban Water

I am Prof. Hallie Eakin, a Professor in the College of Global Futures at Arizona State University. I am visiting Cape Town on a fellowship. I am conducting a research study on homeowners' perspectives on Cape Town's water situation.

I'm interviewing adult individuals who have been residents of Cape Town since 2016 and are responsible (in whole, or in part) for making household decisions regarding water consumption and use. If these criteria apply to you, I'd like to invite you to participate.

What will my participation entail? The interview will focus on your personal opinions, experiences, and perspectives. It will take approximately 1 to 1.5 hours. The interview will take place in a quiet outdoor location that will be convenient to you, over the phone, or through video conferencing. The interview will be in English. You have the right not to answer any question, and to stop participation at any time.

What benefits do I gain from participating? Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary, and there are no consequences if you choose not to participate. There are no foreseeable risks in participating. Participants will receive a gift card of R50 from a local grocer or can choose to donate the same amount to a water-related civic organization. The results of this study will be used to help other cities learn from Cape Town's experience with water and with working with residents to address emerging water concerns.

Is the interview confidential or anonymous? The interview will be anonymous; I will not record your name as part of this study. Your contact information will only be used to set up the interview, and, if you are interested, to send you results emerging from the study once it is complete. The results of this study may be used in reports, presentations, or publications but your name will not be used.

Will the interview be recorded? With your permission, I would like to audio record this interview. Recording is not obligatory and you also can change your mind after the interview starts.

How to get more information: If you would like to be interviewed, please contact me,

Prof. Hallie Eakin, by email: ctwaterstudy@gmail.com or by WhatsApp: 066 578 8418

If you have any questions about your rights as a subject/participant in this research, or if you feel you have been placed at risk, you can contact the Chair of the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board, through the ASU Office of Research Integrity and Assurance, at +1 (480) 965-6788.