



Email Invitation for the Email Survey (LimeSurvey)
The strategic implications of perceived levels of
'sea blindness' in Australia's LNG trade dynamic

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The Candidate, Captain Peter Martin FNI (Commander RAN), has developed a project to examine the strategic implications of possible 'sea blindness' in Australia's maritime outlook with a particular emphasis on Australia's LNG trade. I think the subject matter is of particular interest to the SAL community and your participation would be much appreciated.

The URL below will take you to the Limesurvey which consists of criterion that relate to issues associated with this possible 'sea blindness' phenomenon. Anticipated questions you may have about your engagement in the survey are detailed at the opening page of the survey. The survey is designed to capture your opinion on the topic and the professional confidence you have to make that opinion. Participation is voluntary and responses anonymised.

Noting that it will take some time to complete (35 – 45 minutes), you are encouraged to press on in support of important research outcomes that are dependent on the completeness of the survey. However, if needed, you can break and return to the survey at a later stage but please do complete the survey; it has important implications for Australia's strategic maritime outlook.

If you would like more information about this email survey or this research project in general, please contact Peter (peter.martin@utas.edu.au).

Please proceed to the survey at <https://utas.limequery.com/347898?lang=en>

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET – STAGE 2

1. Invitation

You are invited to participate in Stage 2 of a data collection relating to research examining perceived levels of 'sea blindness' in Australia's LNG trade dynamic. This is part of an approved PhD project under way in the Australian Maritime College (University of Tasmania). The team on this data collection process coincides with the PhD student and the supervisory team.

2. What is the purpose of this research?

This research aims to investigate the implications of perceived 'sea blindness' in terms of Australia's strategic maritime outlook. It also seeks to assess and define alternative solutions to the 'sea blindness' and make policy



recommendations at a strategic level. This research is being conducted in partial fulfilment of a PhD degree.

3. How is the research being funded?

The HDR student's research project is supported by the Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship (CHESSN 9124809679). Activity outside the remit of this Program is self-funded by the researcher / s.

4. Why have I been invited to participate?

You are invited to take part in this research because you have expertise relevant to this research on 'sea blindness' in Australia's maritime domain. You have been identified as a respondent for Stage 2 of the data collection process. Here you will have to assess the significance of a set of criteria to solve the issue of 'sea blindness'. You will also have to assess a set of alternatives against those criteria using a clearly defined numerical scale. Your responses will not be identifiable.

5. What will I be asked to do?

You will be asked to set aside up to 35 - 45 minutes of your time to answer the online survey, where you will need to make a series of quantitative assessments on a predefined scale.

6. Are there any possible benefits from participation in this research?

There is no expected direct benefit for individual participants in this research project. However, this research will advance knowledge of any impact perceived 'sea blindness' may have on Australia's strategic maritime appreciation outside the defence / security paradigm.

7. Are there any possible risks from participation in this research?

Your responses to the online survey will be non-identifiable. As such, there are no reputational issues associated with this data collection. Research oversight will be conducted by the Chief Investigator and the Associate Investigators and reviewed by the UTAS Ethics Committee.

8. What if I change my mind during or after the research?

Your participation in this research is voluntary. You can withdraw from participation in Stage 2 data collection at any time up to the moment you submit your responses to the online survey. After this time your responses will be non-identifiable and cannot be withdrawn from further statistical analysis.

9. What will happen to the data when this research is over?

Data collected during Stage 2 of this research project will be non-identifiable. All data will be stored at a 'Research' portal on the University of Tasmania's server for 5 years from the date of data collection completion. The server is password protected and only accessible by the Researcher and Supervisory personnel for this research. Data will be destroyed at the end of the 5 years.



10. How will the results of the research be published?

The results of the overall analysis of Stage 1 and 2 will be summarised in Journal and Conference Papers. Participant details will not be shared other than to provide a brief overview of the collective field of expertise used for research purposes. If you wish to be notified about the results of this research then please contact the team.

11. What if I have questions about this research?

If you have any queries, concerns or issues with this research, please make contact with any member of the team.

This research has been approved by the Tasmania Social Sciences Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). If you have concerns or complaints about the conduct of this research, you can contact the Executive Officer of the HREC (Tasmania) Network on (03) 6226 2975 or at ss.ethics@utas.edu.au. The Executive Officer is the person nominated to receive complaints from research participants. You will need to quote H0018531.

12. How can I agree to be involved?

Should you wish to participate in this data collection process then please simply tick the accept box at the first page of the survey.

By participating in this survey, you will confirm that you have read and understood the information provided at the survey and, in particular:

- understand that involvement in this research will be an online survey taking 35 – 45 minutes.
- understand that participation involves no risk to reputation.
- any questions asked have been satisfactorily answered.
- understand that all research data will be securely stored at the University of Tasmania for 5 years from the publication of the research results and will then be destroyed.
- understand that the results of the research will be published and that participants cannot be identified.
- understand that participation in this research is voluntary.
- understand you are free to withdraw participation at any time, without explanation or penalty, until you submit your responses to the online survey.
- You agree to participate in the research.

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