# Task Details

# Over the next twelve weeks you will be investigating a topic related to specific community services challenge in Australia. The topic must be specific to a suburb or small town. Do not cover the whole of Australia as it would be too broad to conduct research. Research is often personal, and we encourage you to pick a topic that you care about. Ask yourself, what are the causes you are passionate about? who do you want to help in the future? Imagine yourself as a trailblazer, unearthing insights that could impact real lives, inform policy, and shape the social fabric of Australia. Each assignment is interconnected, and you should begin working on your projects from week one. This research template forms a structured plan for choosing a research question, identifying why the topic matters, and beginning to critically evaluate literature and policies that relate to the chosen topic. This assessment is also a draft for the first half of your final project. The feedback on Assessment One and Assessment Two forms the first draft of sections of your major assessment, the research report!

Template

# Title of your project

**What is your research question?**

*Remember that a research question should be specific see the Week One folder on Moodle for resources that will help you with this*

1. **How can you justify your research topic? (100 words)**

* *why is this an important topic?*
* *who would benefit from knowing the answer to your question?*

**Literature Review**

1. **Selecting Appropriate Sources**

Choose 5 peer-review journal articles that will help you look at your paper. List them below with APA 7 references.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

1. **Literature Review (700 words)**

*In paragraphs critically evaluate the sources above to explain:*

What do the sources have in common?

What differences exist between them

How do these articles support your research question?

Remember that a good paragraph has one idea and is made up of a topic sentence, evidence, explanation and a concluding sentence.

**Methodology (500 words)**

Which methodology will you be using?   
*Reference a minimum of two sources from the class readings to justify your decision.*

What are the strengths and limitations of your chosen methodology?

What are the ethical considerations that you need to consider for your research project?

**Finding Data**

*For ethical reasons you will be using existing data, you can find interviews on YouTube, refer to news articles, blogs or interview transcripts. These sources still need to be critically evaluated and carefully chosen (if you are not sure if a source is appropriate ask in the discussion board under Assessment 1).*

Choose 3 sources of existing data that you can use in your final assessment.

1.

2.

3.

# Reference List (don’t forget to update me)

Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2023, August 23). Community services in Australia. Accessed DD/MM/YYYY, abs.gov.au

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Smith, J. (2023). Social research methods: A journey into the real world. Oxford University Press.

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Name of government department, agency or committee. (Year of document publication). Title of document: Subtitle if given (edition if given and is not first edition). Publisher.

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