

PASIFIKA PARTICIPATION

Women and Babies at Term
(WOMBAT) for Safer Birth



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Defining a national adaptive platform trial

- The Vaka – Study platform
- **The Passengers – You, your views, experience, guide**
- The Ocean path – mindset of learning, changing directions, new ideas
- The Island destination – study outcome for Safer Birth



“Pasifika journey, starts with voices”

Further Considerations

1/ Invitation Language – balanced, simplified

2/ Promotional Channels – network, women's groups, word of mouth

3/ Safety – culturally guided, new learning

4/ Talanoa



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**i-SEARCH/Wombat Safer Births
Pre-Platform Pilot**
Talanoa about safer births



Join the Talanoa about safer births

The Project:
We are interested in **listening to your opinion and experiences** of clinical trials, during pregnancy or childbirth. Our team wants to design future trials that **reflects what is important to you**.

What's involved:
Join us for a 1 hour Talanoa (face to face or on zoom) led by our Pasifika Researcher, Sala Ronda Thompson.

Your voice matters:
Your experiences and thoughts can help shape these trials to be more **respectful, inclusive and meaningful** for women in our community.

You are eligible to participate if you are...

- ✓ Pasifika women of child-bearing age
- ✓ Aged 18 years and older
- ✓ Mothers
- ✓ or wish to become a mother and interested in safer birthing

All participants receive a gift card for your time.

For more information or **register for the Talanoa**, contact:
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The Talanoa...

Fanua - Place

Va - Relationship

Faaaloalo - Respect

Lotu - Spirituality

Talanoa - story telling



Deeply relational, ethical & Pasifika centred



I have always had a part in each of my daughter's pregnancies...they move in with me for the first 3 months so I can help

I came because I read the word Talanoa...I don't know what there is to talk about safer birth

I don't like the word "Trial" it sounds like you just want to use us... change the word

This is the first time I have spoken about my miscarriage...

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Preliminary themes

1. Relational dimension of Care and decision making

2. Cultural Safety as Lived Experience and Structural Condition

3. Trust and Legitimacy

4. Communicative Practices and the importance of the cultural Language in trials and health

5. Access, Health Literacy, and Cultural Knowledge Systems

6. Emotion, trauma, and culturally mediated understandings of risk in shaping decisions

7. Institutional Navigation and Structural Complexity in Health Systems

8. Care Infrastructures: Material, Relational, and Cultural Dimensions

9. Modes of Engagement and Culturally Responsive Approaches

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Cultural framework - WOMBAT for safer birth

The Vaka – Framework

Ocean – Participant views

Reef - Barriers

Winds - Enablers

Destination – Preferred outcomes





Close

Pasifika lens...

- Research = Data
- Community = Education, collaboration, legitimacy

Research – we don't just invite participation-
we shape it = for sustainability, outcome and
change

