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## VegeSafe Consent Form

VegeSafe web page:

<http://research.science.mq.edu.au/vegesafe>

or our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MQVegeSafe/>

Thank you for participating in the VegeSafe soil testing program provided by Environmental Sciences at Macquarie University, Sydney Australia.

As part of your participation in this program, we would like to be able to use the results to produce a map showing the information. The map data will be de-identified to the extent that the locations will only be accurate to within 25 m and no address or other information will be included that can be used to specifically identify the precise locations of the soil samples. We may also use the same results, with your permission, in future publications, again with the aforementioned limitations. Therefore, in signing this form you acknowledge consent for these purposes.

We have run our project past the National Health and Medical Research Council Ethics who have informed us as follows:

*“As collection of the soil samples and proposed analysis do not relate specifically to human health, medicine or human research, the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research does not apply”* (NHMRC Ethics, June 2013).

We will provide you with a summary of your results and web links on how to manage lead and trace elements hazards in garden soils. Data will be visualised on the [www.mapmyenvironment.com](http://www.mapmyenvironment.com) with location information “double-jittered” to ensure a participant’s address cannot be specifically identified. True location data are initially jittered 150 m in a random direction before upload to the web server. That new location is again jittered by 150 m in a random direction before every web visualisation. This ensures that no specific home location is identifiable through iterative recasting of the map. Information collected by Macquarie University’s DustSafe and VegeSafe programs is stored on servers in the USA. The information is only accessible by VegeSafe/DustSafe staff.

### Donations - We Need Your Support

VegeSafe operates as a Community Service and runs on the good will of staff and students. Donations for the program help us remain operational. You can provide a donation by clicking [Support VegeSafe](#) here and on our website, or when you mail your soil samples to us for testing. Please scroll to the bottom of the relevant donations page and select VegeSafe to make sure your contribution reaches our program.

We also invite you to submit your household vacuum dust for testing – register at [www.360dustanalysis.com](http://www.360dustanalysis.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number (as a back-up for email): \_\_\_\_\_

Address of soil samples: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary construction material of property: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. double brick, timber, fibro, etc.)

Any exterior walls of the property painted?:  
Yes / No

\_\_\_\_\_

Approximate age of property: \_\_\_\_\_ years

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sample code (A, B, C, D, E)	Notes on sample location (e.g. back yard lawn)
A Front yard	
B Back yard	
C Drip line	
D Veggie patch	
E Veggie patch	