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*Explanation of request to Survey*  
Brief Project Statement

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Hello,

My name is Madeleine Collins and I am a student undertaking a case study on 'Dealing with Sexual Assault in Victoria' for my placement with 'Women's Health in the South East'. As part of this project I would like to survey, young women aged between 18-24, about their experiences of dealing with sexual assault.

The survey does involve a questionnaire; the questions are designed to give you the space to write about your perspectives and ideas. Each survey should only take about twenty minutes. With your permission, I would like to summarise points you make into a written submission, which will be sent to state government.

The questions I ask cover issues related to your experience following the crime. For instance, you will be asked to report about the reasons you chose to report/ or not report the crime, your experience of the judicial system, your experience of dealing with the police and the impacts sexual assault has had on your life.

The survey is entirely voluntary and anonymous. You are welcome to decline to answer any of the questions on it and to withdraw from the survey at any time. You are also welcome to ask me questions, contact me by email or phone, or request to have a copy of the final submission sent to you. Without victims voicing their views we can't hope to change the situation. With courage and conviction much can be done.

If you have any questions please contact me and/or my tutor Mic Emslie, Email: [michael.emslie@rmit.edu.au](mailto:michael.emslie@rmit.edu.au) , or  
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Thank you for giving this project your consideration and time,

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