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Dear Peta Stapleton

**Project title:** PS00212: Emotional Freedom Techniques for Vision Impairment  
**Investigator/s** Peta Stapleton (Chief Investigator)

Thank you for submitting the above project for ethical review, which has been undertaken by Bond University Human Research Ethics Committee (BUHREC).

I am pleased to confirm that this project meets the requirements of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (Updated 2018).

This Ethics Approval is valid for **2 years** and must conclude on or prior to 30/11/2025.

The documents reviewed and approved include:

- Application\_PS00212\_v1\_00.zip. Last updated: 15/08/2023
- PS00212\_v1\_00.omni. Last updated: 15/08/2023
- 231124 PS response to 2<sup>nd</sup> Qs.pdf Last updated: 24/11/2023

Please note the following conditions of approval:

1. **This letter constitutes ethical approval only.** If you require access to an organisation/site or you intend to recruit participants from an organisation, association or a closed social media group you will need to obtain gatekeeper approval (if not already provided).
2. Please ensure that the project adheres to the University's [Research Data Management and Sharing Policy](#) and storage best practice. Please refer to the [research data management](#) intranet page for more information and resources.
3. **Reporting:** The following reports are required to be submitted by the due date. Failure to fulfill these reporting requirements may result in withdrawal or suspension of this Ethics Approval:
  1. **Progress Reports:** The Chief Investigator must provide a progress report annually. Progress reports are due 30 April each year. You will receive an email asking you to complete the progress report via our online system.
  2. **Safety Reporting:** You are reminded that the Chief Investigator must immediately report anything that might warrant review of ethical approval of the project or is considered a breach of the Ethics Approval.
  3. **Other Monitoring:** Under the terms of the National statement BUHREC has a role to monitor approved research projects and if necessary, may withdraw approval. Conduct of unapproved research or deviation from the approved protocol may constitute academic misconduct and will be investigated in accordance with the Guide to Managing and Investigating Potential Breaches of the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research. Please refer to the [intranet](#) for more detail on Research Integrity processes for dealing with instances of research misconduct

4. **Amendments to this project:** Amendments to this Ethics Approval must be submitted to BUHREC for review. All relevant updated documentation should also be provided. Please be aware there is a limit of five amendments before the project is considered to have drifted beyond the limits of an existing approval at which time you will be asked to complete and submit a new application for the project.
5. **Early Termination or routine completion of the project:** You must notify Research Services if the project is discontinued before the expected end date. The notification should provide rationale for the early completion of the project.

Should you have any queries or experience any problems please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Research Services on (07) 5595 4194 or via [ethics@bond.edu.au](mailto:ethics@bond.edu.au)

I wish you well with your research project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Bahr', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Dr Mark Bahr**  
**Chair Bond University Human Research Ethics Committee**