**Research Processes**

**My topic:** The impact on Adelaide of the redeveloped Adelaide Oval

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| **Research Processes that are appropriate to my topic** | **Valid**? Why/why not?  (Does this process actually measure what you intend it to measure? How appropriate is it for your topic?) | **Reliable**? Why/why not? (How biased, honest, trustworthy is this source of information?) | **Manageable**? Why/why not? (How realistic is this process in terms of time, accessibility, communication, skill etc.) | **Ethical**? – What are the issues and considerations needed?  (Does this process avoid harm to self and others? Is it, legally and morally sound?) |
| Brochures | There are a number of brochures given out at the time of the redevelopment, such as the Adelaide Oval Redevelopment Ashes Edition, published by the State Government. This is very relevant to my area of research. These are valid as organisations such as Adelaide Oval and SACA have produced several of them. | If they are published by trustworthy organizations, such as the State Government that would make them a highly trusted source. However some published by organizations such as SACA and Adelaide Oval maybe made with a marketing purpose in mind, which would leave the source quite biased and not reliable. | These can be found by visiting the organizations or in the State Library archives. Most are free to take, which makes them a manageable source but I still have to travel down to Adelaide. | I must cite all brochures I receive from visiting the locations. |
| News articles | From news articles, I can find about recent developments and opinions at the time on the oval, as well as issues that were raised earlier in the redevelopment, which may be helpful in getting an idea of the public perspective of the redevelopment at the time.  These were quite evident throughout my source analysis. However when reaching the key findings stage, some of these fell down and weren’t relied upon. Mainly because most are opinion or bias. | Some news sites and television segments can tend to present one side of the argument. Looking at the quality of the journalist is vital in knowing whether their story is based on opinion, and also made in order to “sell copies” instead of present news. This extends to the fact that several journalists have set opinions, and write accordingly. | News sites are easily accessible, free to view and quick to navigate. Repeated television segments are shown online, and are free to access. | I must cite any articles or segments used. |
| Statistics | The amount of information statistics give is limited to the public. However when contacting major organisations, they can be given freely. They may be able to tell me how this has affected the city, using data. However for example, The Council may give data that is just positive and shows that their money is being spent wisely. | As long as the statistics are from a well-known and well-trusted source, with no affiliation to the source. Then they should be trustworthy and non-biased. I will need to ensure I find the latest statistics. | Visits and phone calls to organizations may reference statistics, which may lead me to a source of even more statistics. | I need to cite the page or organisation I obtained the statistics from. |
| Archives | I can find different types of sources through the archives, such as booklets and newsletters from the time of the redevelopment, which makes them quite valid for my research. The State Libraries archives hold onto many of these.  Were helpful in starting the source analysis and were informative. However mainly involved aims and pre redevelopment news. My end outcome needed to be focused on the impacts; therefore most of the information was invalid towards my outcome. | The reliability of the archive depends greatly on who has published it originally. | It shouldn't be overly difficult to contact the State Library and access their reading room, or contact any other organization to hopefully access them. | I may need to ask permission to photograph the archives, as some in the library might only be accessible from the reading room. I also need to cite any links in bibliography. |
| Surveys | This allows me to directly ask people within the city of Adelaide to see what they think the impact the redevelopment has had, and have their responses on record.  I eventually decided not use this in my research as I needed facts not opinions. | This is dependent on how I word my survey and whom it is sent to. It is also very much dependant on the people answering, as their answers are opinions and not facts. | People may take a long time to fill out the survey, or not fill it out at all. I will need to send it to a large number of people. | Some may wish to be anonymous throughout the surveys responses; also asking permission to use their info is important. |
| Government Website | If accessing the right departments publications/records the information may be extremely valid for me in determining aims set out by the government. | Some of the sources may become bias towards the project. However the information can still be reliable as it is government information. | Some of the records may become quite difficult to access, as it is confidential. | I will need to cite the websites, and also ask permission to use the information. |
| Personal Conversations (Colleen McEwen & Trevor Jones – both tour guides at the Adelaide Oval, John Kain, Kellie Grady, Tim Lynas and Greg Howe) | Both Colleen and Trevor have a lot of statistics regarding the oval and the project. From them, I can find out about the process involved perhaps, along with statistics. Talking to John, Kellie and Tim would assist in asking them questions, as they are all SACA members. Greg Howe led the “no” campaign against the redevelopment. His views post redevelopment would be a good help. | Being employed by the oval, their information should be up to date. However their source of information could be Adelaide Oval, who may give sensationalised information. Also their information may be mainly opinions. Being interested SACA members the opinions of John, Kellie and Tim should be reliable, however still opinion. Greg Howe maybe biased as he held strong views prior to the redevelopment. | Use of weekend/holiday time should allow visiting the oval and taking a tour. A booking may be essential, as they are the busiest times for tours. This would also assist in contacting John, Kellie, Tim and Greg. | I will need to seek consent to use their names and information they give. |
| Newsletters | From newsletters, I may be able to access previous copies. Which were published at the time of the construction. With relevant information regarding the buildings impact on the city. | The reliability is dependent on whoever publishes it. However if published by a trustworthy organisation, it should be trustworthy. This could be seen in newsletters from SACA for example, however the marketing perspective needs to be taken into consideration. | Contacting the State Library and places such as Adelaide Oval itself, could lead to the ability to access previous issues or current issues. | I must cite all newsletters I receive from visiting the locations. |
| Books | Depending on what the book is written about and written for, the information may become very valid in my research.  Books didn't come into my research; I tended to use smaller sized booklets instead, which were created by SACA. | Depending on the author, the source shouldn't be biased. The information however can be seen to be quite trustworthy. | Contacting the State Library would be helpful in finding books published from organisations such as SACA. | I will need to cite any books found when visiting the library. |
| John Kain, lawyer and SACA member. Published many articles regarding the redevelopment | Being a SACA member before and after the redevelopment could be helpful in looking at the effect for the members. His articles and letters may be helpful in looking at issues prior to the redevelopment. | His views in his articles may be biased towards his opinion. However information can be seen to be trustworthy as it was used frequently by sources such as The Advertiser. | Through a family friend, his contact will be easy to access. | I will need his consent to use his name. |
| Email Responses (E.g. Rachel Sanderson, member for Adelaide, Adelaide Metro and Port Adelaide FC) | These responses from the contacts may have information regarding the impact on the city of Adelaide in particular. | Their views maybe biased, for example Rachel Sanderson, through her role in her party of Liberal. However is harder for her to be not trustworthy, being a government figure. | Contacting her electorate office would assist in getting her opinions and her to answer a few questions. Contacting Adelaide Metro and Port Adelaide through their online database would assist. | I will need their consent to use their names and their information. |
| Government Agencies | Depending who is contacted, their particular field would assist. For example, Adelaide Metro, with their figures regarding public transport. However this is also very dependent on where they have received their information. | The views shouldn’t be bias as it is government information. Their information could be seen to be trustworthy as they are a government agency. | Contacting the agencies locations via phone/email or in person would assist. | I will need to cite any sources given to be via contacting the agencies. |