Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editors,

RE: 1306219406476679 - Investigating the health implications of social policy initiatives at the local level: study design and methods

Thank you for considering the above manuscript for publication. Responses to the Editors’ feedback are outlined below:

1) Include a title page within your manuscript. this should list the title of the article and the your full name, institutional address and e-mail address. Please remove your abstract from this page and place this in the following page.

A title page is now included with the submission.

(2) Include a discussion section within your abstract.

Within the abstract the following section has been added:

‘Discussion: Before the health impacts of broad-scale policies, such as the one described in this study, can be assessed at the population level, we need to understand the implementation process. This is consistent with current thinking in political science and social policy, which has emphasized the importance of investigating how, and if, policies are translated into operational realities.’

(3) Document, within your manuscript, the name of the ethics committee which approved your study.

Within the section titled ‘Study Design’ the following line has been added:
‘It received approval from the University of Melbourne School of Population Health Human Ethics Advisory Group.’

(4) Include a ‘Competing interests’ section between the Conclusions and Authors' contributions.

A Competing interests section has been added after the Conclusion. This section reads:

‘Competing Interests
The author declares that she has no competing interests.’

(5) Remove the additional files of your ethics and funding documentation from your submission.

All additional files have now been removed.

I hope the committee finds these changes satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Gemma Carey