THESIS PROPOSAL

Please write a short (maximum 2 pages) concept proposal using the following headings as a guide. References may be listed on a supplementary page. Your proposal should be in 12-point font, single spaced and written in lay English for a general audience under the headings as indicated. You may delete the italic text under each header (including these instructions).

Full Name		**Student ID No (if known)**	

Proposed Topic/Title:

Rationale and Significance of the Study (with references):
The key reasons for undertaking the research, with a focus on why the study is worth undertaking and what the original contribution to the current knowledge will be.

Key Question/Hypothesis/Problem/Issue to be Investigated:
The key questions being proposed or hypothesis tested in the thesis.

Design of the Study:
A brief outline of the methods/research technique(s) and methodology to be employed in the study. Outline of the principal stages of the overall project/investigation, including a timetable to completion, location of the work and any ethical considerations to be addressed.

Research Benefits:
A brief outline (2-3 sentences) of the national, sector, group or stakeholder benefits/effects your research may produce –for whom, why and in what way?

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References: (listed on supplementary page(s) if necessary)
A list of sources referred to in the proposal.