Supporting Information

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Date __________________________ Study number

1. Your age in years ______________

2. Your gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

3. Your current home postcode __________

4. Were you born in a country other than Australia or have you lived in another country for longer than 3 months? Yes ☐ No ☐

   If YES, please specify the country _______________________________________
   (list all if more than one)

5. Have you EVER LIVED …

   In a rural/country area (a locality with a population of fewer than 100,000 people, approximately) for longer than 3 months Yes ☐ No ☐

   On a farm that has sheep, cattle or goats Yes ☐ No ☐

   On a farm that grows crops commercially (e.g. vegetables, grain, fruit) Yes ☐ No ☐

   On a property that adjoined native bushland (e.g. national park, reserve) Yes ☐ No ☐

6. Have you EVER WORKED …

   At an abattoir Yes ☐ No ☐

   With sheep, cattle or goats or transported these animals Yes ☐ No ☐

   With animals other than sheep, cattle or goats Yes ☐ No ☐

7. Have you EVER …

   Consumed unpasteurised milk or milk products (e.g. unpasteurised cheese) Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

   Assisted or been present at the birth of a live or dead animal

   If yes, specify type(s) of animals

   ______________________________

   Been involved in shooting/hunting/preparing hunted animals (excluding fish) Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

   Handled animal manure/animal fertiliser (e.g. in the garden) Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐
8. Please indicate your **HIGHEST** level of direct contact (ie touching) with any of the following **AT ANY TIME DURING YOUR LIFE**:

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9. Please indicate your smoking status (tick only one)
   - Current smoker ☐
   - Previous smoker ☐
   - Never a smoker ☐

10. Before today, had you heard of a disease called Q fever? Yes ☐ No ☐

11. Have you ever been told by your doctor you had Q fever? Yes ☐ No ☐
    
    *If yes, what year did you have Q fever diagnosed (please estimate if unsure)? ________*

12. Did you know there was a vaccine against Q fever? (recommended for people at risk) Yes ☐ No ☐

13. Which of the following best describes your Q fever vaccination status?
    - I have been vaccinated ☐
    
    *In what year did you receive your Q fever vaccine (please estimate if unsure)? ________*
    
    - I have NOT been vaccinated ☐
    - I cannot recall if I have been vaccinated ☐

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS APPRECIATED.