

State Design Review Panel – Biographies

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Sarah Foster is an Associate Professor at the Centre for Urban Research at RMIT University and an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Western Australia. She currently leads a research program examining the policy and practice of designing healthy equitable higher density communities, funded by Healthway and the Australian Research Council (ARC), and was recently awarded a prestigious ARC Future Fellowship (2022-2026) to examine the impact of apartment design standards on health and wellbeing.

In 2021, Sarah received the RMIT Award for Research Excellence (Design). Sarah is a member of the Design and Social Context College Human Ethics Advisory Network and a Senior Assistant Editor with Environment and Behaviour, a high impact international journal. She holds a PhD in Population Health and a Bachelor of Science in Geography, with first class honours.