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Disability and Built Environments

How built environments can be structured to make them work for everyone, particularly those who have a disability.

Competitive advantage

- Significant national and international reputation in the area of enabling environments
- Experience investigating how the assumptions and knowledge about built environments impact disabled people and whether they enable movement and independence, or disable people further
- Expertise and research on:
 - Housing and care
 - Housing and health
 - Older people and sustainability
 - Accessibility of the built environment
 - Extensive research on home modification interventions

Impact

- Aiming to raise awareness about the vital importance of design for inclusivity, and positively impact policy development and practice in this area.

Successful applications

- Innovative research projects that have provided the evidence needed to directly influence national policy and standards, including the National Construction Code
- Research has helped improve the quality of life of many thousands of people with disability in 190 countries around the world
- Research reports have made a significant impact nationally and internationally on both housing policy and practice, and have been cited in National Productivity Commission reports

Capabilities and resources

- World-leading expertise as part of the City Futures Research Centre and the larger Faculty of the Built Environment
- Profile and committee membership in NSW, nationally and globally
- Home Modification Information Clearinghouse (HMinfo) Project

Our partners

- Caroma
- Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute
- Local, State and Commonwealth Government

More Information

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