

## Kirsten Bevin

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## Experience

### 2018 - present: Development Victoria

#### Senior Design Manager

Design lead working across investment cases, precinct development strategies, and competitive tender processes to meet state government sustainability, employment and housing policy. Experience in project and consultant management, state and local government stakeholder engagement, brief preparation, problem definition and succinct communication of project objectives and impacts.

### 2015 - 2022: RMIT and AHURI

#### Researcher

Part time research role in an Australia-wide team conducting an inquiry for the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)

#### Lecturer

Course coordination of the *Housing Policy* module, part of the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies' Masters of Environment and Planning.

### 2016 - 2018: Unsigned Studio, part of Aurecon

#### Project Director

Client-facing role in creative technology studio operating within engineering firm Aurecon. Direction of digital communication tools to help explain built environment and infrastructure projects to industry, government, and community stakeholders.

### 2012 - 2016: Fender Katsalidis Architects, Melbourne

#### Urban designer

Design and communication of residential, employment, civic, and master plan projects.

### 2011: Architecture for Humanity, London (pro bono)

Team member for the design and delivery of the Brixton Reuse Centre, a pilot project for the transformation of underutilised car parks to accommodate very small scale enterprise relating to re-use and recycling.

### 2008 - 2011: Studio Egret West, London

#### Urban designer

Design, planning, community engagement and communication focused on urban renewal projects in the UK.

## Education

### 2021 PhD, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT, Melbourne

The thesis *Making housing, shaping old age: Industry engagement in older persons housing* explored the housing industry response to an ageing population and the mechanisms of housing provision that shape expectations and options for old age. The research involved historical and current policy review, analysis of submissions and testimonials to a 2016 State Government Inquiry, and semi-structured interviews with key informants (senior managers and directors of retirement housing companies in the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors).

2015 Graduate Certificate of Environment and Planning, RMIT

2005 Masters of Architecture, University of Tasmania

2001 Bachelor of Environmental Design, University of Tasmania

## Skills and expertise

In both my research and my urban practice, I translate complex projects and problems into clear ideas and directions. Key skills include:

- Clear writing for academic, online, government, and industry audiences
- Effective graphical presentation of information, focused on communication
- Human centred design and problem definition expertise, including facilitating workshops to help groups define collective objectives
- Distilling and structuring key issues from qualitative and quantitative data

## Publications

James, A., Crowe, A., Tually, S., et al. (2022) *Housing aspirations for precariously housed older Australians*, AHURI Final Report No. 390, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute Limited, Melbourne, <https://www.ahuri.edu.au/research/final-reports/390>

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Bevin, K. (2018). Shaping the Housing Grey Zone: An Australian Retirement Villages Case Study, *Urban Policy and Research*, 36(2), 215-229. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08111146.2017.1369039>

Bevin, K. (2016). 'Diversity and disparity: Retirement housing in age-friendly cities', in *Future Housing: Global Cities and Regional Problems*. Melbourne: Architecture, Media, Politics, Society, pp. 93-99 [http://architecturemps.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Architecture-MPS-7-Future-Housing\\_Gloabl-Cities\\_Regional-Problems-2.pdf](http://architecturemps.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Architecture-MPS-7-Future-Housing_Gloabl-Cities_Regional-Problems-2.pdf)

## Referees

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