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Sam Smith is an architect with a history in sustainable development and strategic planning. Sam currently combines her understanding of master planning and the design process with experience in international permaculture development projects in the NGO sector, emissions reduction programs with Local Government and engaging community through sustainable education and climate change programs in her current role as Deakin's Environmental Sustainability officer.

Her work with the Organisational Sustainability team at Deakin delivers on the Sustainable Built Environment, Climate Change Adaptation and Biodiversity outcomes. She has a strong focus on embedding sustainability in the design process, early stakeholder engagement and collaboration as the keys to delivering great project outcomes.

Climate Risk to Climate Ready: Building for Climate Resilience

As one of Deakin University's "Sustainability Commitments" and pathway to their 2030 goals, climate risk and adaptation recommendations have been developed for the delivery of the 2020 goal. This process uncovered some unexpected risks and prompted a re-calibration around how we consider our future needs, design and build our campuses and also how our organisational governance, decision making and budgeting need to be reconsidered.

Some simple actions, including going back to design basics are currently being developed to answer complex problems. The Deakin RISE building will be the first project to have applied the concept of "climate readiness" and is looking like providing exceptional sustainability outcomes and %performance improvement on NCC2019.

Sam Smith, Project Manager Sustainability, Design + Development will share Deakin's journey from "Climate Risk to Climate Readiness".