

IMPACT STATEMENT:

How can a building improve health and healing after injury and illness?

AT A GLANCE:

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AIM AND DESIGN:

As part of a long term research agenda in Healthy Designs, this work examined the impact of physical hospital and housing settings for people with significant disability.

OUTCOMES TO DATE:

Publications arising from this study

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New design innovations to Australian outpatient environments will be developed, which may change the way we think about health settings for illness and injury groups such as brain injury, aged care, and paediatric services. Enriching the environment in novel and multi-modal ways can facilitate better health and quality of life outcomes for the severely injured and chronically ill.

Supported housing consumer preferences were identified and incorporated into new housing builds.

Advanced the principles of client-directed choice and control established under the National Disability and Insurance Scheme NDIS.

Replication of the housing models based on this research will be trialled in other states.

