

## **Biography**

### **Dr Rebecca McLaughlan**

Dr Rebecca McLaughlan is an Australian Research Council DECRA Research Fellow at the University of Newcastle. Her research investigates how architecture can better support patients, their families and healthcare teams across various healthcare settings. Before her recent relocation to Newcastle, Rebecca spent three years working at the University of Melbourne on the ARC-Linkage Project "Designing for Wellbeing: Realising the Benefits for Paediatric Patients through Best Practice Hospital Design" with Lyons Architects (Chief Investigator: Professor Julie Willis). Rebecca is also a New Zealand Registered Architect with 8 years' experience. She finds this experience critical to understanding how research can be made more applicable, and translatable, to practice.

### **Brief presenter summary of expertise**

Rebecca's research specialisation is understanding the relationship between the environments that architects create and the wellbeing of those who occupy them. She has developed expertise across a range of research methods employed for understanding this question. But what really captures her imagination is the way that innovation can emerge within healthcare contexts - given the constraints related to performance, technology demands, workforce composition, patient demographics and funding models - and how this innovation contributes to wellbeing. In this presentation she will discuss the role of public private partnerships in facilitating innovation and how this thinking might be translated to non-PPP procured projects.