
3.0 Aims and Parameters

The primary aim of this Literature Review is to establish:

1. an evidence base to assist in the development, prioritisation and implementation of healthy built environment policies; and
2. a clear understanding of areas of evidence paucity in order to inform future research directions.



The Review is policy oriented, focusing on areas where NSW Health can be influential. The Review takes a lead from recently published key literature reviews to present a range of evidence and subsequently hypothesise a number of areas where research is lacking.

The Review is intended to provide a plain English discussion of the relevant literature that is accessible across both health and built environment disciplines.

The parameters for the Review are as follows:

1. The Review aims to be policy oriented, focusing on areas where NSW Health can be influential.
2. The Review does not analyse primary data.
3. The Review provides a plain English discourse of the literature that is accessible to all.
4. The Review does not consider the direct effects on health arising from transportation systems' emissions and noise, nor the health impact of transport accidents.
5. The Review is outcomes based. It does not specifically address matters relating to methods for measurement of the built environment or of health.
6. The Review concentrates on external urban form.
7. The Review only references research with specific implications for the Australian context.
8. The Annotated Bibliography is not limited to peer reviewed literature. Nevertheless, any primary research cited as justification for key themes has been published in peer reviewed journals.
9. The Annotated Bibliography only contains studies published in English.
10. The Review promotes interdisciplinary discourse, including a discussion of the nature of evidence in healthy built environments research.





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