

Eleanor Robson

Curriculum Vitae

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EXPERIENCE

Future Earth Australia (Australian Academy of Science), Brisbane

1 year, 6 months (current):

- *Research and Policy Officer, August 2019-current*
- *Sustainable Urban Systems Project intern, February-August 2019*

I manage the hosting organisation for the Sustainability Research & Innovation 2021 Congress, including chairing the local organising committee (comprised of the Queensland Chief Scientist, representatives from the CSIRO and Queensland universities), joint project management of the congress with international partners (the Belmont Forum and Future Earth US), strategic relationship building and outreach.

I manage a collaborative project with AGU's Thriving Earth Exchange, a community science initiative in Australia to form sustainability research partnerships between communities and researchers. I assist in project management for various network initiatives including a transdisciplinary urban sustainability research network and NITRO-Oceania, a transdisciplinary network of leaders across Australia, NZ and Pacific Island Nations.

I undertake research, policy and advocacy for numerous publications. I was on the writing group for Future Earth Australia's 'Sustainable Cities and Regions: 10 Year Strategy for Urban Systems Transformation', including qualitative data synthesis and analysis, assisting in project management, stakeholder liaison and outreach, policy writing and communication. In 2020, I am co-authoring 'Collaboration that works: Guiding co-design for sustainability' (Palgrave) with Future Earth Australia colleagues.

Office of Andrew Leigh MP, Canberra

3 years:

- *Election Campaign Manager 2019*
- *Office Manager (Acting) August-December 2017 & July 2018*
- *Electorate Officer August 2016-August 2019*

I assisted in managing the electorate office for a federal parliamentarian to ensure it was as effective and efficient as possible in serving his constituents and community. This involved community liaison and helping constituents to meet their goals and needs by leveraging the resources available to an elected official. I performed managerial and administrative functions (e.g. entitlement administration, diary management, training and management of staff and volunteers) to a high standard. I undertook development and delivery of our electorate campaign strategy through effective organising and coordination of volunteers, liaison with Central campaign office and the electorate.

Labor Environment Action Network (LEAN)

2 years, 2 months:

- *National campaign organizer*
- *Member of National Executive*

I maintained positive relationships between state branches of LEAN with the National Executive by providing organisational support and navigating conflicts. As a member of the National Executive, one of my core roles was development and implementation of campaign strategies within the Labor Party on environmental policy. I have experience in engaging Labor sub-branches, elected representatives, and Labor members on environmental issues and policy.

Instituto Alexander von Humboldt de Investigación de Recursos Biológicos; and EcoNat Ltd (jointly hosted internship), Bogota Colombia

9 months:

- *Research Intern February- September 2015*
- *Research Assistant, April-June 2016*

I was charged with doing a desktop review of socio-ecological research pertaining to the Eastern Hills of Bogota and research gap identification. This also involved stakeholder engagement in collection of data. This led me to build relationships with a range of government and non-government entities, and I continued contributing to this work in development of my Honours thesis. I subsequently assisted the Director and Sub-director of the Colombian public science agency in preparation for the Second International Symposium on Urban Ecology. This included literature review for two papers, editing and translation from Spanish to English and managing submission deadlines.

EDUCATION

The University of Queensland, Brisbane
Master of Governance and Public Policy (current)

The Australian National University, Canberra
Bachelor of Science with First Class Honours (Human Ecology), 2016

- Thesis on citizen perceptions of socio-ecological value of the Eastern Hills of Bogota.
- The study used a place-based, ecosystem services framework, developed with the Bogotan Hill Foundation, to engage citizens across a range of demographic profiles. This created robust data around citizen visioning and valuation of natural environments in an urban setting.

The Australian National University, Canberra
Bachelor of Arts (International Relations/Spanish)/Bachelor of Science (Geography), 2014

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

O'Donnell, T., Webb, R., Dodson, J., **Robson, E.**, Auty, K., Stafford Smith, M., Ryan, C. 2019. Sustainable cities and regions: 10-year strategy to enable urban systems transformation. *Future Earth Australia, The Australian Academy of Science*. ISBN: 978 0 85847 677 6

E Robson, L Van Kerkhoff & S Cork, 2018. Understanding Citizen Perceptions of the Eastern Hills of Bogota: A Participatory Place-Based Ecosystem Service Assessment. *Urban Ecosystems*, vol.22, no.1. DOI: 10.1007/s11252-018-0739-9

Seminar at the International Symposium on Urban Ecology (Bogota, Colombia), 2015.
Ecosystem Service Exchange between the city of Bogota and the Eastern Hills: A socio-ecological characterisation. 8 September.