



curriculum vitae

Emma Partridge BA (Hons1) (ANU), MA (Woll)
RESEARCH PRINCIPAL

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Emma is a qualitative social researcher with extensive experience in policy, research and consulting contexts. Her work focuses on the social dimensions of sustainability, the interrelationship between environmental issues and social and cultural issues, the links between sustainability and social justice, and strategies for achieving sustainability in the urban environment. She has published a theoretical framework for social sustainability, and given presentations on social sustainability in various contexts.

As a researcher, Emma offers theoretical knowledge and practical experience of research methodologies, including extensive literature reviews and interviewing techniques as well as consultation and management of large survey projects. Her work has included local community consultations and liaison and negotiation with key stakeholders for the purpose of policy development and implementation.

Emma has a keen interest in improving the quality of democratic participation and engagement, and has recently contributed to a major international research project for the International Association for Public Participation ([IAP2](#)). This is a cross-cultural exploration of public-government decision-making in seven regions of the world, and investigates issues relating to community consultation, participation and and citizen engagement. She has also contributed to the prestigious [Democratic Audit of Australia](#), co-authoring the gender report; [How well does Australian democracy serve Australian women?](#) (2007) and the sexuality report; [How well does Australian democracy serve sexual and gender minorities?](#) (2007).

Emma has considerable knowledge and experience of the public policy process and worked in various senior research and policy development roles in the state and commonwealth public sector before joining ISF. This work focused on issues relating to women, children and young people, juvenile justice and community services.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Qualitative social research, social and cultural analysis
- Public participation, consultation and community engagement
- Social sustainability
- Intersection of environmental and social sustainability
- Gender analysis
- Children and young people

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2004–present** **Research Principal**
Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology, Sydney
- 2003–2004** **Senior Policy Officer,**
NSW Department of Community Services
- 2002–2003** **Senior Policy Officer**
NSW Commission for Children and Young People
- 2000–2002** **Policy Officer, Research and Policy Team**
NSW Department for Women
- 1999–2000** **Acting Team Manager, Family and Youth Section**
Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS)
- 1998–1999** **Policy Officer, Family and Youth Section**
Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS).
- 1997:** **Researcher / submission writer**
University of Wollongong Students' Representative Council.
- 1997:** **Research Assistant**
Gender Studies Centre, University of Sydney.
- 1995:** **Tutor**
Department of Health Education, University of Canberra.
- 1995:** **Consultant**
National Capital Planning Association, Canberra.

EDUCATION

- 1996-1997** **Master of Arts**
Cultural Studies, University of Wollongong
- 1991-1994** **Bachelor Arts (Honours 1)**
Australian National University

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Maddison, Sarah and Emma Partridge, (2007) *How well does Australian democracy serve sexual and gender minorities?* Report Number 9 for the Democratic Audit of Australia, Australian National University, Canberra. (<http://www.democraticaudit.anu.edu.au/focus.htm>)

Maddison, Sarah and Emma Partridge, (2007), *How well does Australian democracy serve Australian women?* Report Number 8 for the Democratic Audit of Australia, Australian National University, Canberra. (<http://www.democraticaudit.anu.edu.au/focus.htm>)

Partridge, Emma (2007) 'Deep green, deeply ambivalent, or just like the rest of us?' Young people and the environment', paper presented at the 2007 ANZSEE Conference 'Re-inventing Sustainability: A climate for change', Noosa, Qld, 3-6 July 2007

Herriman J., Willetts, J., and Partridge, E. (2006) 'Learning together for Sustainability: The Value of Group Based Peer Learning', In proceedings of the 12th ANZSYS Conference, 'Sustaining Our Social and Natural Capital', Katoomba, NSW, 3-6th December

Partridge, Emma, (2005) 'Social sustainability': a useful theoretical framework? paper presented at the Australasian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Dunedin, New Zealand, 28-30 September 2005. Refereed conference proceedings published at: <http://auspsa.anu.edu.au/index.html>

ISF REPORTS (in date order)

Partridge, Emma (2007), *Active transport to childcare: a resource for Councils*, Institute for Sustainable Futures report for South Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC).

Partridge, Emma and Caitlin McGee (2007), *Opportunities to improve energy efficiency in buildings: an energy audit customer survey and literature review*, Institute for Sustainable Futures report for Demand Management and Planning Project (NSW Department of Planning).

Partridge, Emma, Jade Herriman and Mick Paddon (2007) *Sustainability Indicators for Gosford*, Institute for Sustainable Futures report for Gosford City Council

Partridge, Emma (2006), *Travel To Childcare: a study of parents' and children's travel to four Sydney childcare centres*, Institute For Sustainable Futures Report for the South Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC), and Marrickville, Waverley and Sutherland Shire Councils.

Partridge, Emma (2006) *Young people, participation and the environment in NSW: a literature review*, Institute for Sustainable Futures report for Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW)

McGee, Caitlin and Emma Partridge (2006), *Consumer and industry perceptions of sustainable housing*, Institute for Sustainable Futures report for Queensland Environmental Protection Agency.

Riedy, Chris and Emma Partridge (2006) *Study of Factors Influencing Electricity Use in Newington*, Institute for Sustainable Futures report for Demand Management and Planning Project (NSW Department of Planning).

Edgerton, Nick and Emma Partridge (2005) *The Economic Value of Community Legal Centres*, Institute for Sustainable Futures report for Combined Community Legal Centres Group NSW and National Association of Community Legal Centres.

Partridge, Emma and Imelda Phadtare (2005) *Woollahra Sustainability Plan: capturing community visions and issues*, Institute for Sustainable Futures report for Woollahra Municipal Council.

Riedy, Chris and Emma Partridge (2005) *NSW Water Pricing Guidelines and Rural Communities*, Institute for Sustainable Futures report for the Public Interest Advocacy Centre Ltd.

McGee, Caitlin and Emma Partridge (2005), *Technical resource on sustainable mixed-use development: a framework for next steps*, Institute for Sustainable Futures report for the Australian Greenhouse Office, Canberra.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

How well is Australian democracy serving Australian women?, Women@UTS lecture, 15 May 2007.

Social sustainability: challenges for the development industry, presentation at Planning Institute of Australia Northern NSW Branch Seminar, 25 August 2006.

Introduction - theory, definitions and challenges: what is this thing called social sustainability and what does it mean for the development industry?, presentation at ISF Forum: Social sustainability and the development industry, 14 July 2005. Available at:

<http://www.isf.uts.edu.au/whatsnew/whatsnewevents.html#social>

Sustainability: the social dimension, presented as a module of *Integrating Sustainability*, Centre for Local Government short course, 2005, 2006, 2007.

Social sustainability and public housing, presentation to Greens-organised forum of Glebe public housing tenants, 7 September 2005.