**Estelle Grech**

Estelle is Policy Manager, Planning and Housing at the Committee for Sydney.

Prior to the Committee, Estelle worked as a senior ministerial adviser in the NSW Government, in consulting, and as a strategic planner in local government.

Education

Ongoing Western Sydney University, Doctor of Philosophy - Engineering - *Low Embodied Energy and Carbon in Residential Buildings and Precincts*

2018 University of New South Wales, Bachelor of City Planning (Hons I)

Research exemplars

At the Committee, Estelle will lead research focusing on planning, housing, gender and equity policy.

Prior to the Committee, Estelle has been the lead or contributing author on the following research:

[On the Go: A case study on active transport across Sydney through a gender lens for C40 Cities and the City for Sydney, May 2020](https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/surveys-case-studies-reports/on-the-go-how-women-travel-around-our-city)

Fellowships and awards

2022 Churchill Trust Fellow – Awarded the Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to research how to design better cities for women and girls through urban planning and design.

2023 Henry Halloran Trust, Infrastructure Governance Incubator Practitioner-in-residence –short-term project focused on the delivery of active transport infrastructure.

2019 NSW Planning Institute of Australia Outstanding Student Prize for her Honours thesis researching migrant women’s experience of public space in Western Sydney

Recent presentations

Women and Girls’ Safety in Parks: Lessons from Research and Practice, University of Leeds – International Speaker

Advisory committees

NSW Department of Planning Peak Advisory Group