

# Politics in policy

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Climate and  
Sustainability  
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## “Politics is the art of the possible”

Laura’s research examines the ways that civil society uses agency and impacts policymaking in the context of climate adaptation.

It looks at the intersections of politics and influence in democratic governance processes such as policymaking through investigation of climate adaptation in London, Melbourne and New York City over the period of 2009-2019.



Laura’s research will contribute knowledge on the relationships between political actors in civil society, and between civil society and policymakers, for ownership of issues in democratic governance processes. This will improve understanding of decision-making challenges in twenty-first century policymaking and governance.



Laura will focus on the enabling and constraining factors of civil society agency and impacts in governance processes. Her research will contribute to a deeper understanding of policy influence in governance processes such as policymaking, debate and society in liberal democracies.



“...the best possibilities for brighter climate futures lie in the spaces where the struggle for issues and meaning in climate solutions take place.”

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CASPR is committed to advancing evidence-based policymaking for the environment and sustainability. Based at Flinders University in South Australia, our group assists government and private sector stakeholders to achieve greater accountability, effectiveness and innovation. We welcome enquiries from prospective honours and higher-degree students who would like to work on the following themes: environmental policy, climate policy, climate adaptation, climate resilience, climate security, coastal sustainability, policy analysis, evidence-based policy and cultural values.

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