Creating Healthy Liveable Communities: Attempting to bridge the gap between evidence, policy and practice

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The NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence (CRE) in Healthy Liveable Communities was established to create and disseminate evidence, aligned with planning and transport policy and practice. It involves working with policy-makers and practitioners and aims to generate and exchange data, knowledge and information across five themes: 1) measurement of policy-relevant built environment (BE) features associated with leading chronic disease risk factors (physical activity, obesity), health outcomes (CVD, diabetes) and mental health; 2) causal relationships for BE interventions using data from longitudinal studies and natural experiments; 3) 'thresholds' for BE interventions; 4) economic benefits of BE interventions designed to influence health and wellbeing outcomes; and 5) factors, tools, and interventions that facilitate the translation of research into policy and practice.

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