

# Testimonial

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I'm an urban and environmental planner but the area that I focus on mainly is land and property development.

what distinguishes planning students from a lot of other students is that they're quite idealistic, they come into it because they want to make a difference in the world. Sure, they want to get jobs and want to make money but largely they are about making a difference.

the world is becoming much more urbanised very very quickly there is a drift to the cities all over the world and that brings with it a whole lot of urban problems, pollution, traffic, congestion, you know, there's a need to industrialise cities and to find locations for all these things, to find accommodation for people, housing

the world is becoming much more market oriented and so for urban and regional planning, urban and environmental planning that's creating a problem because planners don't actually build cities, is market forces that shape them and so planners have to work out how to influence developers and finance and so on to create better cities.

I guess planning problem is a global problem but planners usually act at the very local level, they're acting at the level of the local community even at a level of a particular site and is very easy sometimes to loose site of that bigger perspective to remember that the kind of problems that planners are working on at the local level are the kinds of problems that affect cities all over the world

We are getting planners graduates from here who are going to positions which haven't traditionally been thought of as planning positions. Traditionally a planner might graduate from university and go and work for local government, but we have people who have graduated and gone to work as planners for banks for example, for the CSIRO, for the Department of Education and so on and they are all employed in different ways thinking about how to accommodate growth, how to provide the services that people need in the city.