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Dr Iain Butterworth has a background in community psychology and community development. His interests include urban design, psychological sense of place and community, civic participation and wellbeing. For three years until August 2003, Iain was a member and then team leader of the Local Government Partnerships Team in the Department of Human Services. This team developed and implemented [Environments for Health](#), the Victorian municipal public health planning framework. He also coordinated the department's Public Health Group input into [Melbourne 2030](#).

Iain recently returned from several months in the United States, where he was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the School of Public Health, University of California at Berkeley. His mentor was Prof Leonard Duhal MD, Professor of Public Health and Urban Planning, whose ideas spawned the international [Healthy Cities](#) movement in the 1980s. Iain examined evaluation approaches used in [Californian Healthy Cities and Communities](#) programs, with a particular interest in projects that focused on the built environment. In particular, he focused on how Healthy Cities and Communities programs helped to connect people better with their significant places and with their local communities. In June 2004, Iain joined Deakin University's Faculty of Health and Behavioural Science, where he is contributing to the development of a curriculum and research agenda in the area of environments for health.