DESIS-Lab
Melbourne
Australia
DESIS-Lab Melbourne committee
Yoko Akama (RMIT University)
Carolyn Barnes (Swinburne University of Technology)
Kate Bissett Johnson (Swinburne University of Technology)
Emma Blomkamp (Policy Lab, University of Melbourne)
Ryley Lawson (Future Sensitive)
Simon Lockery (RMIT University)
Tania Ivanka (RMIT University)
Kirsty Moegerlein (The Weekly Service)
Rowan Page (Monash University)
Mark Richardson (Monash University)
Juan Sanin (RMIT University)
Darren Sharp (Social Surplus)
Helaine Stanley (226 Strategic)
DESIS-Lab Melbourne creates liminal, non-institutionalised spaces to connect, critique and play to foster a peer-to-peer learning companionship.

We care more about developing empathic relationships by going fishing, sharing a meal or working hands-on in our communities than fixing big issues through detached strategic thinking.

We try and foster courage to immerse in complexity and contradictions, because initiating or sustaining change is not that easy or pleasurable.

We aim to accompany the transitions in design from those that valued progress and commodification towards reciprocity and inter-relatedness, so we can co-explore how best to build resilience and capacity.

We hope to keep alive the questions of plurality, inclusivity and responsibility in design as we participate in continual change-making that happens across all layers from the local, place-based context to the scale of cities and regions.
We catalyse ways to discuss complex issues
We explore questions through workshops
We engage the public through events
We facilitate many projects
We build capability through teaching.
www.desis-lab.org

yoko.akama@rmit.edu.au

RMIT University
DESIS Lab Melbourne
Australia