

As I sit here in my not-so-comfortable WFH chair not knowing, when I bought it, that I'd be sitting in it for 8 hours of the day and would have really appreciated that extra back support in the slightly more expensive model, I reflect on the current state of the world and how walking the grounds of St Lucia feels like a lifetime ago – yet was only a mere couple years ago. My time at UQ was incredible, I loved the buildings (yes, even Steele with its strangely unique stench), I loved the grounds, the red room and the ever friendly bin-chickens. But mostly, when I look back on that time in my life, I find myself truly cherishing the incredible range of knowledge I was exposed to, in hand with the people I met along the way.

Studying regional and town planning has given me the ability to draw from a range of theories and experiences that I gained throughout my studies, inspiring both my personal and professional life on many occasions. From the simple act of doing the quick coffee run before a meeting and getting flashbacks of walking

across the Graduation stage whilst focussing all my strength on not tripping over, to forcing my friends to go on late night drives around the city instead of our usual riverside drinks on a Friday night, just so I can witness the city changing with my own eyes (planning theory in action!) – like the true nerd I am.

Ultimately, in amongst the busy schedule, what I am possibly most appreciative of, is the fundamental inspiration studying BRTP has given me. It has fed in me a clear yearning to see a better world, a place where some of my favourite concepts like sustainable development and doughnut economics are no longer just theories, and perhaps most importantly, being a part of making that happen.



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View from the Eleanor Schonell Green Bridge after my final exam