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Sue works part time as a Queensland Health policy adviser in Child Health and Safety. She has postgraduate qualifications in nursing, education, public health and environmental change management. Her working life has included nursing, specialising in spinal injuries, tertiary teaching, health promotion, and project and policy work in both the Health and Education Departments.

As a health professional, she believes public health practitioners have important roles to play both technically, and in advocating for strong action on climate change, as well as in community education, empowerment and resilience building. She sees these as necessary to prevent as much climate disruption related harm as possible, as well as to deal with the unavoidable impacts of the climate and broader sustainability crises.

Sue is currently teaching a subject called Climate Change and Public Health at Griffith University as part of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Public Health, at the Logan and Gold Coast campuses.

Sue is also

- one of several Beyond Zero Emissions presenters in St Johns Wood Sustainability who deliver presentations about the Zero Carbon Australia 2020 - Stationery Energy Plan
- a Brisbane regional organiser for the 100% Renewable Energy community campaign
- a member of the network steering groups of both the Queensland Community Climate Network, and the National network of community climate action groups.

### **Recent publications include**

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