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STAR Workshop



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## STAR at Conferences

In July '22 Dr Gill Armstrong presented at [ARBS 2022](#), Melbourne Exhibition and Conference Centre. The presentation focussed on the policy journey for improving the energy efficiency of existing buildings and the opportunities for decarbonising buildings, including through STAR. The conference was well attended, and the STAR presentation was booked out!

In August, Gill also gave a [webinar to AIRAH](#) members on STAR's potential to decarbonise through reactivating parts of buildings to make existing buildings relevant to today's market.

# Sustainable Temporary Adaptive Reuse (STAR) Toolkit

Building solutions for a Sydney CBD COVID recovery.

## Recap from workshop 01

Back in May 2022, the first STAR workshop was held in-person at the Ultimo Campus, UTS in Sydney. Over 20 stakeholders gathered to exchange knowledge about the motivations for STAR developments. Exchanges highlighted stakeholders' universal support for increasing temporary reactivation of underused spaces in office and retail buildings to help reactivate the city's heart and the urgency to act to keep Sydney vibrant. The support for STAR was reflected in presentations by both keynotes: Alison Holloway, SGS Economics, and Matt Levinson, Committee for Sydney. While COVID-19 presents new challenges, other factors driving urban change existed before 2020. The moment of opportunity for Sydney to increase its resilience is now to address these challenges and future unforeseen shocks.

## Meet the STAR Team

The team has grown, bringing research strengths and industry knowledge: Prof. Sara Wilkinson, Prof. Jua Cilliers, Dr Gill Armstrong, Mark Willers (Charter Keck Cramer), Dr Kusal Nanayakkara, & Robert Fleck. We also acknowledge the workshop participants' contributions.

## Coming up: ESGs, Social Value & STAR

Workshop 02 is coming up soon in November – see Save The Date at the top of this newsletter. To secure your place, email us. The focus of this workshop is ESGs in property management. ESG stands for Environmental Social Governance and is an emerging area in real estate, according to [RICS](#) and [JVSC](#). The data captured in workshop 01 knowledge exchange identified the 'social' in STAR as a key element to explore and unpack. The STAR team also have a passion for identifying hot and emerging topics for managing existing buildings better, including through reactivation to create resilient cities.



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## STAR WORKSHOP 02

- 08.30 Welcome coffee
- 09.00 Recap, report, STAR Guide
- 09.40 Knowledge Xchange 1
- 11.00 Keynote 01
- 11.30 Knowledge Xchange 2
- 12 noon Wrap up and lunch

Workshop 02 will be held at UTS,  
Ultimo campus

## STAR video – like & share

### Have you seen the trailer video?

To maximise the knowledge exchange, share the video and this newsletter with your networks to help promote workshop 02....to have vibrant exchanges. Workshop 02 will focus on Social Value and ESGs for STAR.

Video: <https://youtu.be/anvoDweNxnk>

## Stay tuned....

Want more information?  
Like to know about  
partnering with the  
project?  
Just [email us](#) to start a  
conversation.

## STAR in Parliament & policy news

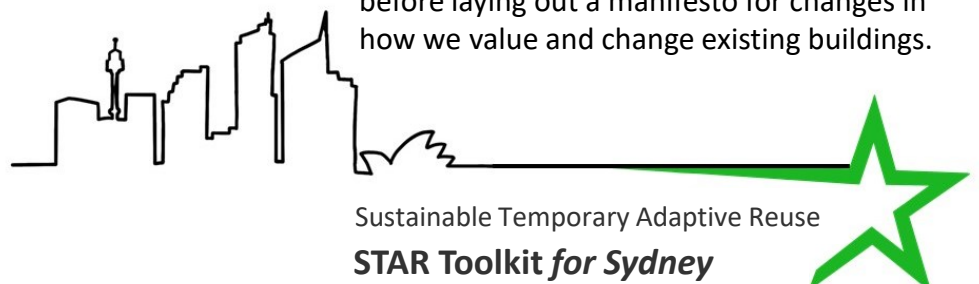
On 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022, State government published a new report of progress of NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Options to improve access to existing and alternate accommodation to address the social housing shortage through '*meanwhile use*' or '*temporary change of use*' as we call it at STAR. The STAR team made a submission to the Inquiry and Sara Wilkinson presented our STAR insights in October 2021, which can be found [here](#). Essentially, we reported on the appropriateness of adapting C&D grade buildings on a more permanent basis.

In August 2022, City of Sydney has [announced](#) new **net zero targets for development approvals 2026**. This is a leading decision in local government's actions to mitigate climate change and leads the way for other local governments across Australia to help ensure the 2019 commitments to the Low Carbon Building Trajectory are met. STAR can contribute to these through change of use and major renovation triggers which require planning approval and reasonable compliance with the National Construction Code.

## Resilient Building Retrofit



On 20<sup>th</sup> September, a new publication is being launched STAR Teams new text: [Resilient Building Retrofit](#). Prof. Sara Wilkinson & Dr Gill Armstrong are co-editors. The text, published by Routledge, covers ten chapters focusing on existing buildings and building resilience in cities for the climate crisis, discussing *the why: challenge and need to change*, and *the what: exploring solutions*, before laying out a manifesto for changes in how we value and change existing buildings.



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