

## PhD Completion Seminar: Dianne Cox

### Community Indicators in Victoria 1995-2010: Evidence, Accountability and Participation

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This PhD thesis explored how community indicators were understood and used in Victoria between 1995 and 2010. As an intrinsic case study, materials for analysis comprised key informant interviews and documents. The thesis shows how community indicator understanding and use changed as policy orientations and accountability requirements shifted over time. Whilst some communities and local governments did embrace shared responsibility for measurable social goals, the policy discourses around evidence and accountability reduced attention to local knowledge and citizen participation.