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Professor Laurie Buys is Theme Leader of Queensland University of Technology's (QUT) Institute for Future Environment's (IFE) Infrastructure for Sustainable Communities Theme and Professor in the School of Design in the Creative Industries Faculty. She is also the Director of *Senior Living Innovation* – an industry research collaboration whose aim is to optimise the lifestyles of future seniors by identifying innovative approaches to designing for future housing, products and services. Her research directly explores the understanding of, and accountability for, the real effects felt by people resulting from changes in their physical, social and cultural life. She has established strong collaborative partnerships with various community, industry and government organisations to investigate the dynamics of liveable communities, centred around the idea that transdisciplinary approaches to addressing challenges lead to more sustainable outcomes. Professor Buys was National President of the Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG), is an AAG Fellow and an AAG Distinguished Member.