

Professor Jane Heyworth, PhD



Professor Jane Heyworth, PhD, is an environmental epidemiologist with experience in environmental health research, policy and practice. Jane's current research interests include research on environmental and genetic risk factors for colorectal cancer, breast cancer and melanomas; maternal exposure to persistent organic compounds; and gastroenteritis associated with tank rainwater consumption. She has undertaken a number of studies on tank rainwater quality and gastroenteritis and assisted non-government agencies in Nepal, Sri Lanka, India, Hawaii and Brazil in assessing the risks associated with rainwater consumption. Jane has also provided advice to the WHO South East Asia Regional Office on a guidance document on water safety and health aspects of rainwater harvesting and storage. Within government, she has been involved with evaluation of health risks associated with lead contamination in Port Pirie and Esperance and also contaminated land sites. Professor Heyworth is Sub-Dean Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Western Australia Her main areas of teaching are epidemiology and public health and she has won several awards for teaching.

(photo of Jane Heyworth paragliding in Nepal)