

Benjamin Ryan

Benjamin Ryan is a PhD candidate at James Cook University; Disaster Coordinator for the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service, Queensland, Australia; and Director of Disaster Risk Reduction for the International Federation of Environmental Health (Asia-Pacific). Ben's professional interests and research are focused on mitigating the impact of disasters on the health and wellbeing of individuals and the community through public health infrastructure resilience. He has worked on responses to natural disasters and disease outbreaks (including Ebola and Dengue), managed public health projects in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, facilitated delivery of health services to asylum seekers and worked in public health at all levels of government in Australia and internationally. Most recently, has led engagement with international agencies and governments to operationalise Ebola Treatment Centres and Units in Liberia and Sierra Leone. He is passionate about the role public health interventions should have in the prevention, preparedness and response phases of disaster management and hopes to share his experiences, insights and research with people across the world.