



Hello neighbours!

Esther here from that funny part of Level 5 past the fire escape on top of the Capitol Theatre 🙌

Chances are you've passed me in the building in recent months wearing an eyemask. As a person with disability, the unexpected change in lighting and colours in the corridors and fire stairs has made my home inaccessible. Day-to-day, exposure to this risks incapacitating migraines and dangerous seizures. In case of emergency, or if the lifts aren't working, there's no safe way for me to exit; I would be trapped, unable to escape. So it's important we're all aware and can avoid accidentally jeopardising my safety.

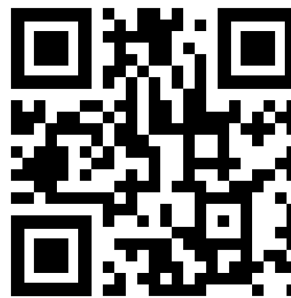
Until accessibility is restored, here's a handy safety procedure →

I've been hearing from other neighbours who've also been impacted by these changes, so don't hesitate to get in touch if that's you, too! Scan the code and click the CONTACT link at the top of the page. Or say hi when we pass each other.

Warmest thanks, everyone 🙏



More about my disability:



estheranatolitis.net

Esther's interim safety procedure



1. Esther has lived in the Capitol for over 11 years, and is also an RMIT Hon A/Prof. She is a person with disability. Due to recent painting and lighting works making parts of the Capitol inaccessible, Esther must navigate the long, winding L5 corridor from her apartment door to the lifts wearing a blindfold;
2. Esther may then rest for some moments once safely out of the building, likely on the granite bench;
3. **If you pass Esther during this time, please identify yourself and say hello** so as not to distress her with your presence, especially when she's masked;
4. **Please, do not attempt to assist or touch Esther as she feels her way along the corridor** - it's essential that she's able to find her way unassisted so as to remain autonomous until accessibility is restored;
5. **Please pass this procedure on** to colleagues or contractors likely to be working in the space between Esther's door and the lifts, noting that Esther works freelance and does not come and go during standard business hours. If you're with visitors, colleagues or guests of RMIT, please feel comfortable to explain that the blindfold is Esther's interim safety procedure until accessibility is restored, and guide visitors as per 1-4. *Thank you.*

