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Michelle Catanzaro is a creative director, researcher and design academic at Western Sydney University. Building on over ten years' experience in the Creative Industries, Michelle's current practice focuses on creating space for young people to draw on creativity and visual language to express their cultural, political and social ideals. Specifically, Michelle is working with a transdisciplinary team to explore how student climate activism is shaping Australia's political and democratic culture. In collaboration with her colleagues at the Young and Resilient Research Centre, Michelle has led the development of MAPIMO, a digital mapping tool that enhances participant engagement across diverse projects and themes by exploring the emotive relationships that exist between people and their environments.