

Our state government planners have embarked on a questionable strategy, without community input, to try and make Perth's existing suburbs denser. These same planners purposefully shaped Perth to be a low-density, car-dependent city and now they have decided that the existing structure of the city must change. The cumulative impacts of this new ad-hoc and ideological approach to planning presents many problems as long standing principles such as proper and orderly planning and preservation of amenity are jettisoned in order to facilitate unachievable infill targets. When land is available, urban infill is a common-sense way to provide new housing however, in suburbs where undeveloped land is scarce setting random infill targets usually results in over-intensive development. Established suburban character, developed over many decades, can be lost as new developments are crammed onto inappropriate sites. Also at risk is the long-term wellbeing of residents living in these developments.

Planning rhetoric versus reality

Urban infill in Perth's inner suburbs



A public lecture by prominent urbanist Dr Linley Lutton

This lecture introduces a new state planning policy known as 'Towards Perth and Peel @3.5 million' which sets a target to provide 214,000 new dwellings in the Perth Central Sub-Region Area. The reality behind state government planning rhetoric will be demonstrated and concerns about the impacts of over-intensive developments will be provided. The aim of this lecture is to inform the community, who are the real owners of the city, about how a planning policy of which most have not heard can impact on their city forever.

Thursday 26 November 7.00pm @The Palms Subiaco
A \$5 door charge applies to cover venue costs. Students and pensioners free