

Urban Research Program

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New Suburbs: New Problems

Although traditional car based suburbs have had a number of disadvantages there have nonetheless been some compensating advantages. More recent suburbs, however, display a disturbing trend. The dwelling now extends near to the boundary of the plot and, consequently, to adjoining dwellings. The design is very deep-plan, requiring artificial lighting and ventilation. While the disadvantages of suburban living still apply, the advantages have disappeared. This is occurring throughout Australia but not in North America, NZ or the UK. What is driving this, what is happening to Australian lifestyles, and why do local Council's permit it?

Dr Tony Hall has been a leading figure in planning in Britain for many years. Before retiring to Brisbane in 2004, he was Professor of Town Planning at APU, Chelmsford, and a member of the Councils of both the RTPI and TCPA. He is an expert on urban design and has made original contributions to design control and the use of computer visualisation. He has notable publications in this field and has made numerous presentations to international conferences.

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