

# ACTIVE TRANSPORT MODAL SHIFTS IN A CAR DEPENDENT WORLD

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## Seminar

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This seminar considers policy attempts to increase shifts towards active transportation modes in Australian cities. Australia is often considered as one of the world's most urbanised countries. However, such statements conceal the suburban nature of Australia's urban form, where much of its city development has been designed entirely around private motor car travel. This seminar will present the approaches used in active transportation planning in Australia, and its underwhelming results. The seminar will highlight the dependence of policy on politics, and how once set, urban form establishes behaviours that are highly resilient to change. The seminar will invite audience participation to consider how European approaches to active transportation policy assist in tackling one of Australia's most difficult planning challenges.

**Mark Limb** is a qualified urban planner with extensive experience in both strategic and statutory land use planning. He is a full member of the Planning Institute of Australia and the subject area coordinator for urban and regional planning at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Brisbane, Australia. Mark's research focuses on the evaluation of plans, policies, and land use planning regulations, and their real-world effects. He is also interested in suburban revitalisation, centre and infill development, and active transportation. His research has been supported by local, state, and federal governments, as well as industry partners. His current projects include evaluations of e-bike rebate schemes, an assessment of the demand drivers and spatial implications of self-storage facilities, the development of a model for intergenerational housing and education, and an investigation into performance-based planning approaches. Mark is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Architecture and Built Environment at QUT, where he coordinates and teaches units including Planning and Design Practice, Urban Planning Practice, and Stakeholder Engagement.



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