

## Diversify your Suburb (AKA Pimp my Suburb v2): A participatory design workshop to collectively envision the future of Australian middle-ring suburbs

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### Background and rationale

Successfully used to develop the City of Fremantle's recent ground-breaking small infill dwelling scheme amendment and recognised in the Planning Ministers Award (PIA WA 2017) as well as brightening the afternoon at last year's PIA WA State Conference this is a unique opportunity for delegates to play the upgraded Pimp my Suburb v2!

Pimp my Suburb, was created as a citizen-led way to bring community and government together to collaboratively create positive change in the 'precious' burbs and help meet strategic planning objectives for liveability and sustainability. Pimp my Suburb is an interactive and customisable scaled game board that allows the community to design their own ideal piece of suburban neighbourhood.

### Methods

#### Part 1: The private realm

In the first part of the session you will be assigned a property and work with your neighbouring 'owners' to accommodate more households. You will keep a record of your choices and selections from the model pieces available.

#### Part 2: The public realm

In the second part of the session you will amalgamate your developments with other neighbouring teams and focus on the design of the public realm. You will be asked as a group to think about the needs and opportunities in your new micro-neighbourhood and then work together to create this. All micro-neighbourhoods will then be combined to create the new suburb which we all marvel at together.

#### Part 3: That's a Wrap

Comparative results will be presented back to attendees focussing on key outputs such as Development Costs, Open Space provision, Deep Soil Zone, Canopy Coverage and Parking. Prizes will be awarded for the most innovative or shocking creations.

### Conclusion

This session is a unique way of engaging planning and urban design professionals in envisaging the transition of Australian suburbs to accommodate greater housing diversity. It provides a unique platform for knowledge exchange as well as obtaining data and directions needed for planning in the future to meet strategic urban objectives.