Sprawl and the City
Combining the qualities of suburban and urban living to create better residential infill
by Anthony Duckworth-Smith

Perth’s prized liveability will decline unless it contains its urban sprawl. We need appealing models of infill housing to compete with the popular option of standalone homes in new suburbs on the urban fringe.

Sprawl and the City measures a standard home in the sprawl and one in the dense inner-city against thirty-nine diverse economic, social, and environmental criteria.

The results are presented in an engaging graphic format to illustrate which models of urban infill are most attractive and why.

A book for anyone interested in the future of Perth and other rapidly sprawling cities, Sprawl and the City provides a roadmap to realise a more compact and enduringly liveable city.

Praise for Sprawl & the City
“A thought-provoking, smart and innovative book which takes the reader beyond the well-trodden dichotomy of inner-city high-rise versus outer suburban sprawl. Duckworth-Smith provides an empirical basis for rethinking our cities and where future population growth is best located.”
Dr Brad Pettitt, Mayor of the City of Fremantle, A/Prof Sustainable Development Murdoch University

“A cleverly-illustrated and thoroughly-researched analysis which explodes the myths around density and recognises the importance of everyday experiences in residential development in cities such as Perth.”
Janet Holmes à Court, AC

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