BOOMTOWN 2050
SCENARIOS FOR A RAPIDLY GROWING CITY

by Richard Weller

Perth should meet its expected population growth of over 3 million people by 2050 with a unique approach, diversifying, whilst becoming more resilient and experimenting with new forms according to UWA Professor Richard Weller.

Author of a thought-provoking book *Boom Town 2050 – Scenarios for a Rapidly Growing City* (UWA Publishing, July 2009, $99.95), Professor Weller believes Perth still has the opportunity to plan for its expected population surge.

With a population of only 1.5 million and an urban footprint of 100,000 hectares, Perth is already one of the most sprawling cities on earth.

Rather than enter the sprawl vs anti-sprawl debate, the 453 page book presents alternative scenarios which can be applied both horizontally and vertically within the existing landscape.

*Boomtown 2050* highlights the shortfalls which will exist between the expected population and the land available, should Perth continue its current planning patterns. It is essential reading for all Western Australians and planning professionals around the world.

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*Boomtown 2050* is available from all good bookstores or online at www.uwap.uwa.edu.au.

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