

‘Taming the Beast’ – Using Enquiry by Design to Integrate Transport and Landuse

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ABSTRACT

Integrating transport and land use planning has received greater acknowledgement in recent years for having a significant role to play in delivering long-term, sustainable transport outcomes. The location, mix, type and density of land uses has a significant bearing on travel behaviour and traffic generation. Traditional planning processes however have arguably not been overly effective in integrating transport and land use considerations nor in maximising the synergies that can arise from multi-disciplinary interaction.

Enquiry by Design is a collaborative, innovative approach to generating planning options for areas at a range of scales. It is a process that engages a range of professional disciplines and key stakeholders through an intense and interactive design driven methodology. As a process with a proven track record it is frequently used internationally and in other parts of Australia. A case study of a jointly sponsored workshop recently undertaken by Cairns City Council and Queensland Transport will be used to provide an overview of the Enquiry by Design methodology, its benefits and potential applications. A particular focus will be provided on integrating traffic and transport considerations.

