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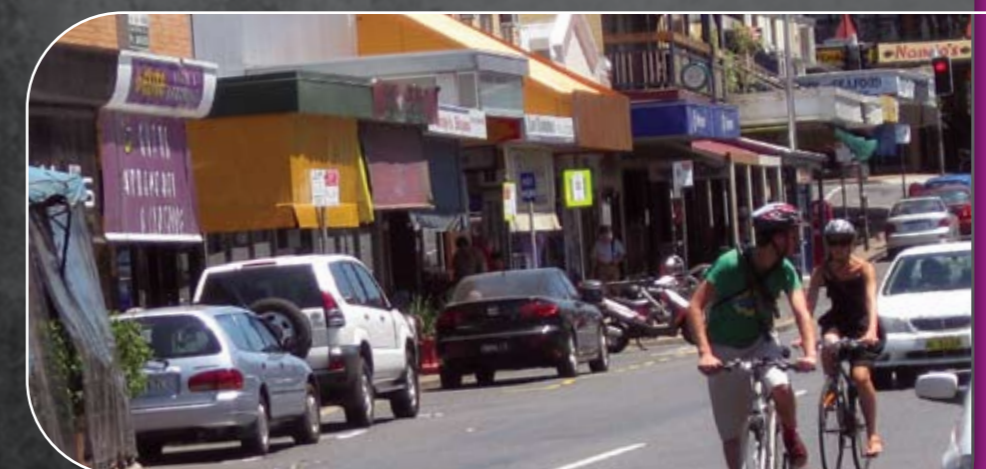
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The NEW Queensland Streets

# COMPLETE STREETS GUIDELINES FOR URBAN STREET DESIGN

(BASED ON THE STANDARDS PRESENTED IN THE IPWEAQ QUEENSLAND STREETS)





## STREETS ARE ONCE AGAIN BECOMING IMPORTANT PLACES, AND ARE TAKING THEIR PLACE IN SUSTAINABLE CONTEMPORARY LIFE.

*Complete Streets* is a nation-wide, dynamic document and online publication which is also available in hard copy. Extensively peer reviewed, *Complete Streets* is a comprehensive how-to-kit for contemporary urban street design that will produce quality spaces for a hierarchy of end users to experience and enjoy.

Technical but also aesthetic and even esoteric in parts - *Complete Streets* is a highly effective product supporting engineers, designer stakeholders and decision makers in the design and planning stage.

“Complete Streets is your essential solution - the outcome is greatly improved social spaces – better streets and quality neighbourhoods.”

### COMPLETE STREETS – HELPING YOU RESPOND IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT...

In today’s rapidly changing environment, as we become more densely populated and the “Aussie backyard” quarter acre disappears from our cultural landscape, busy urban life pushes our geographical and situational boundaries unprecedentedly. Consequently there is a need for quality people places that serve a diverse range of users through innovative planning and design.

Now more than ever social spaces - streets and neighbourhoods – play an integral role in sustainable contemporary life.

## GUIDELINES FOR QUALITY SUBDIVISIONS AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

For the important role of contemporary streets to be fulfilled, guidelines on the way our streets are designed and the way that they interface with land uses should be reconsidered in the light of expectations from contemporary communities.

*Complete Streets: Guidelines for Urban Street Design* is a significant departure from previous editions (of Queensland Streets) in that it does not consider private vehicles to be the most significant travel mode. Instead these guidelines consider streets to be genuine community space where, through proper design, motor vehicles can be accommodated.

Recent changes to planning policy encourage more diversity in housing, a mix of land uses in communities, and developments more suited to walking, cycling and public transport use. It is important that our street designs reflect this shift and ensure a quality, integrated approach to both greenfield and infill development.

*Complete Streets* enables and encourages good design where pedestrians, cyclists and public transport patrons have equality of access in and around their communities and are not disadvantaged relative to motorists.



### COMPLETE STREETS ENCOURAGES STREETS THAT:

- help build and strengthen the communities that they serve
- meets the needs of all users
- form part of a well-connected network
- are attractive and have their own distinct identity
- are cost effective to construct and maintain
- are safe

It discourages streets that are designed primarily for traffic; bland and unattractive; unsafe or unwelcoming for active transport modes; difficult to serve with public transport.