

Brief.

Perth, Western Australia is growing exponentially; new housing models must be imagined to house the soaring population. Perth in 2012 is a car city, geographically isolated and sprawling uncontrollably along its precious natural coastline. The public transport system, currently outdated and inaccessible, is being completely re-imagined for development over the next twenty years (Directions 2031\_transit). Transit hotspots will be created to distribute people throughout the metropolitan area using highly efficient systems.

Many of Perth's aged citizens are confined to their suburban homes or gated communities. This scheme proposes to integrate diverse housing solutions, including aged care, into the new transit hotspots to connect the elderly to family, friends and an expansive network of resources and amenities. The lifestyle of the elderly will be transformed by providing them with the freedom to access their needs and desires, allowing them to become active, engaged and mobile people. The community will be more accessible to the aged and the aged will become more accessible to the community as the elderly are given the power to be the visitor, not just the visited.

The Western Australian Government has identified twelve transit nodes across metropolitan Perth. This scenario proposes that each of the nodes are designed with a unique community speciality, based on the context and history of the place. This speciality is a function which draws and engages both the public and the elderly to share an experience in a positive and beautiful environment. This will transform the nodes from transient non-places to community destinations, comprising of three linked components – transit + housing + speciality. The elderly can choose to live within the place which best suits their intended lifestyle. Embedding aged housing models into the future transit system is a real solution that signals a new inclusion and appreciation of our community elders.