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The pop-up reality for youth on the urban fringe: Their spaces; their time, and their futures

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Abstract

Ever expanding new housing estates along the peri-urban corridors are changing the urban ecology of big cities. Large houses with small backyards create 'sedentary landscapes' for children. Youth mobility is diminished with cars increasingly used for children's travel. Transport issues, especially in outer suburbs of cities contribute to a loss of independence for young people. Yet the lived experiences of children growing up in these spaces remain largely unexamined. Our research with young people aged from 13 - 15 years (N=523) in outer metropolitan Melbourne (Australia) underlines the importance of personal space and special places in their lives. We also capture their visions for their futures as a mixture of personal optimism and pessimism. Gender differences are evident as demonstrated in relation to usage of three nominated spaces: the local park, café and 'my bedroom'

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