

Streets For People media release

Streets For People supports the City of Perth's 20km/h Hay Street Trial

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- Streets For People recognises the value of pedestrian-friendly environments.
- The centre of Perth should prioritise pedestrian movement over through-traffic efficiency.
- A pedestrian-friendly CBD will create a high quality place for people to linger, walk, socialise and enjoy.

Streets For People commends the City of Perth and Main Roads WA for launching the 20km/h trial on Hay Street.

Cars don't purchase goods, order food/drink or work in offices - people do. Considering that all the activities within the CBD are dependent on humans, the centre of the city should therefore prioritise people over machinery.

Private vehicles are incredibly spatially inefficient and commuting by car to the CBD should be actively discouraged.

The centre of Perth shouldn't be a through-traffic thoroughfare, and concerns over traffic miss the point that cities are for people, not cars.

Reducing speeds along Hay Street means that we can turn 'roads back to streets' that can be enjoyed by the people who live and work there.

The centre of Perth should be 'sticky' (i.e. people want to linger there).

Prioritising people over cars will create a more pedestrian-friendly environment that will encourage people to remain in the City, thereby supporting the local economy, creating an active and safe streetscape and nurturing urban vibrancy.

Considering similar projects, such as the City of Vincent's Leederville Town Square redevelopment, it's encouraging to see proactive Local Governments creating streets for people.

Feel free to contact Streets For People for any further information, comments or ideas.

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Streets for People was founded in Perth, Western Australia in 2018.

It is an incorporated not-for-profit community organisation that uses an evidence-based approach to advocate for the human-centric design of public space.

We converse with community and engage with government to strive towards the delivery of best-practice outcomes.