

## Australian Urban Car Use: Issues, trends and policy through the eyes of women, family and an ageing society

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Dr Anna Lyth is currently visiting from Sydney, Australia, and will provide a summary of her recent research projects in the transport and society field: gender and family household trends in car use, and implications of an ageing population for Australian urban car use. A brief synopsis of her work on urban car use and an ageing Australian population follows:

*An ageing population is the common demographic trend in developing countries. What has popularly been referred to as the 'baby boomer' generation will soon be in their retirement years. A generation of ageing baby boomers will usher in new patterns of transport needs and choices among retiring Australians. Based on a Sydney case study, potential urban car use characteristics of the baby boomer generation, as they enter their retirement years, is explored. The study has a particular focus on attitudes, values and aspirations that underpin transport choices, challenges transport planning assumptions, and raises a range of further research questions.*