



Transport Infrastructure

The highway that joins distant points on the map also cleaves an impenetrable barrier between the two sides of territory it severs. It creates two distinct kinds of landscape experience.

The driver on the high-speed road sees the black traffic lanes ahead, the blurred vegetated berms and verges, and the steep walls of noise baffles cocooning the road corridor and at the same time concealing the fabric of suburbia beyond.

The road occupies a landscape of detachment: abstracted from its original context, placeless yet powerfully present and immediate, experienced as a dynamic continuum, singular in its purpose, and conceptually endless.

In contrast, the resident, pedestrian or cyclist on the other side of the noise baffles sees and smells and hears a natural environment. This other landscape experience is complex, tactile, unfolding as a sequence of different settings and places.

Two different kinds of landscape treatment are in play here: the abstracted, artificial, functionalist corridor containing the road, and the reconstituted parkland environment of the territory on either side.

But even this 'naturalistic' topography is an artificial construct, with remediated parkland stitching together existing remnants of degraded bush left over from decades of inhabitation, pressure and pollution.

Road and territory, then, are not so much opposites as two faces of human intervention on the landscape.

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Projects

- South Eastern Arterial Upgrade
- Eastern Freeway Extension
- Geelong Princes Freeway
- Casula Link Environs Impact Statement
- Museum Hornsby Highway Strategy
- Tollway, Sydney
- Newcastle Roads Project
- Sydney Airport Master Plan
- Brisbane Airport Master Plan
- Eastlink Fwy (Mitcham to Frankston)
- Gateway Westgate
- Gateway Motorway Extension
- St Kilda Highway (Helensvale)
- Boggo Road Connections
- South East Busway
- Deer Park Bypass
- Nagambie Bypass
- Dingley Bypass