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| **Healthy Airports – health equity frame analysis** |
| **Background/Objectives**Set to open in 2026, the Western Sydney Airport is a proposed second international airport that will become Greater Sydney’s newest economic hub. Planning of a second airport has been ongoing for the past 50 years and has finally realised. The plan includes ambitions to provide 60,000 homes and create 200,000 jobs and ultimately impact on the development of a third metropolis core in the Greater Sydney Basin (called ‘Western Parkland City’ west of ‘Eastern Harbour City’ and ‘Central River City’).The common rhetoric holds that airports are economic generators for cities. However, by looking beyond an economic perspective it can be seen that airports impact on social and physical infrastructure in much wider reaching ways. Using a healthy settings approach, airports and their supporting systems can connect to broader determinants of health and health equity to create healthier communities. In the political and planning discourse, the Western Sydney Airport is being connected to broader ambitions. In this presentation, we aim to explore how health and health equity are framed in popular media and key stakeholder publications related to the airport development. From this we will gain insight into how such frames impact public opinion and policy decisions.**Methods**A systematic analysis of popular print, social media and key stakeholder publications was conducted to discover the typology of the frames on health and health equity. The frames are identified and classified through an iterative process, including a thematic analysis of the publications in text form. **Results**The findings include the typology and the utilisation of the dominating frames on health and health equity, if any, by popular media and key stakeholders in the narrative of the Western Sydney Airport development plans.**Discussion**This presentation will help to provide an understanding of the language and values of the media and stakeholders on health and health equity in an airport development setting. This presentation will explore how the frames are utilised in context of policymaking. The findings provide insight into how researchers can use frames and their analyses to further make policy impact in urban development decisions.**Keywords**Healthy airports, frame analysis, health equity |