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**TITLE: Problem neighbours in middle class suburbs: re-casting the lens of incivility, antisocial behaviour and disorder**

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Start text of Abstract Here (*no more than 200 words with no figures or tables*): Academic, policy and populist accounts of problem neighbours consistently focus on low-income neighbourhoods as sites where neighbourly tensions are highest and most susceptible to conflict and aggression. Where criminologists explain this with reference to social disorganisation, positing that residents of low-income suburbs lack the ability to impose effective social control on each other, sociological accounts of neighbouring suggest that middle class suburban dwellers are too busy and civilised to become embroiled in neighbourly disputes and will simply try to avoid neighbours that annoy them. While our own research confirms that problematic encounters between neighbours *are* more likely to occur in areas of concentrated disadvantage, this does not mean that affluent areas are devoid of tensions or that they do not escalate into serious conflict. In this paper, we begin to address the lack of attention to middle class neighbour problems using three sets of data for the highest income suburbs in the Greater Brisbane area: self-report survey data on neighbour problems; Brisbane City Council complaints data; and cases of neighbour conflicts handled by Dispute Resolution Centres. We examine how supposedly civilised 'private nuisance' problems can escalate towards anti-social and criminal behaviour in affluent suburbs, and suggest the need to recast the concepts of incivility, anti-social behaviour and disorder away from their preoccupation with the poor.