

'Let Mambo Breath' – Guy Innes

Imagine breathing through a straw for your entire life. This is what this system has been doing for over 50 years. We have been literally choking it to death.

Wetlands are the most bio diverse systems on our planet. We have an incredible example of this, in the middle of our town, this is of enormous economic value for the residents of port Stephens.



We have a wildlife park of incredible diversity, its fence is the residential and commercial properties that surround it. The creatures, they all came for free, Tourism is and always will be the key for the prosperity of the Port Stephens community. We have an asset of enormous tourism value that has until now been completely underutilized.

We have choked & poisoned it by not allowing it to flush in and out for 50 years, this can easily be rectified by widening the culvert, at little cost, nature will do the rest, within a year the birds will come back into the now toxified upper and middle tidal zone, incredibly after everything we've thrown at this system, thousands of creatures still call this place home. Within just a few years, we could turn this around into the biggest tourist asset we have, the community and business would absolutely embrace this newly found pot of gold, thus ensuring the very best of care for the wildlife within.

The sale this of land, will degrade this systems environmental status by taking out the primary forest eco system. This, as well as continuing to use the Mambo Basin as a



contaminant catchment zone, will ensure wholesale development into the future. We have enough sand over Stockton way, we could fill the entire basin in, and fill it with houses, man is capable of monumental achievements.

It seems to me this is a tipping point. A fork in the road for the long story of Mambo.

We can develop this land, for one time profits, for the pockets of a few. With zero benefit for the community of Port Stephens.

Or we could develop this land for the absolute prosperity of the community of Port Stephens, and the generations to follow.

Port Stephens is a tourist town, people come from far and wide, to experience our incredible natural beauty, why would we not preserve and nurture this as yet another incredible draw card in our repertoire of natural assets. We have to have a big vision or we will risk leaving a legacy of ignorance.

I have been lucky enough to live on the corner of Mambo and have been astounded by the wildlife I have seen,

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Regards Guy.