

SAVE
RILEYS ISLAND

A
PUBLIC MEETING

WILL BE HELD

ON SUNDAY JULY 27TH AT 2 P.M.

AT THE EAST GOSFORD PROGRESS HALL
TO ENDORSE OR REJECT THE GREEN BAN PLACED ON
THE ISLAND BY THE CENTRAL COAST TRADES & LABOR
COUNCIL.

IF YOU CARE

BE THERE.

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SOME FACTS ABOUT RILEY'S ISLAND.

THE ISLAND AND ITS MARINE ENVIRONMENT IS CURRENTLY PLAYING A PRODUCTION ROLE IN THE LIFE OF THE BRISBANE WATER ESTUARY.

ONE OF ITS MAIN ASSETS IS IT'S ISOLATION, ALLOWING NATURE TO CARRY OUT IT'S ROLE OF REGENERATION OF FOOD CHAINS FREE FROM THE CONSTANT HARASSMENT OF MAN.

THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REMAINS THE PERIMETER OF THE ISLAND SUFFICIENTLY LONG ENOUGH TO SELL THE BUILDING BLOCKS AND SETTLE OVER A THOUSAND PERMANENT RESIDENTS WITH NO GUARANTEE WHAT THE FUTURE IMPACT THESE RESIDENTS AND THE ELEMENTS WILL HAVE ON THE ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES.

THE RECENTLY ANOUNCED STRUCTURE PLAN FOR THE GOSFORD WYONG REGION SHOWS APPROXIMATELY 200,000 PERMANENT RESIDENTS WILL LIVE AROUND THE "ESTUARY" WITHIN THE NEXT 25 YEARS. THIS WILL PLACE A TREMENDOUS DEMAND ON THE "ESTUARY!"

SHOULD WE BE NOW DESTROYING A RENEWABLE RESOURCE OF THE ESTUARY OR SHOULD WE BE ASSISTING NATURE TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING WORK LOAD?

IS THE DESTRUCTION OF SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN EMPLOYMENT IN THE AREA?

APPROXIMATELY 40% OF THE CURRENTLY ZONED RESIDENTIAL LAND IN THE GOSFORD SHIRE IS UNOCCUPIED. HOW VALID ARE THE REASONS GIVEN FOR THE PROPOSED TRANSFORMATION OF THIS NATURALLY BEAUTIFUL AREA TO BECOME ANOTHER PART OF SUBURBIA.

THE ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ON THE CENTRAL COAST RELY HEAVILY ON THE INJECTION OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THROUGH THE TOURIST INDUSTRY. DO THESE PEOPLE COME TO THE CENTRAL COAST TO ENJOY OUR NATURAL ASSETS OR TO ADMIRE HOUSING ESTATES FOR A SELECTED FEW.

THE NATURALNESS OF THE CENTRAL COAST, ITS BEACHES, LAKES, ESTUARIES PENINSULA'S MOUNTAINS AND GENERAL ATTRIBUTES AFFORD US THE OPPORTUNITY OF ENJOYING A HIGHER QUALITY OF LIFE THAN MANY OF OUR FELLOW AUSTRALIANS LIVING IN THE INDUSTRIAL CITIES. DO WE, AS LOCAL RESIDENTS, HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROTECT THESE ASSETS FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF OUR FELLOW AUSTRALIANS AS WELL AS FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR REGIONAL ECONOMY?

MOST PEOPLE SEEM TO AGREE THAT A MISTAKE WAS MADE IN THE ZONING OF THE ISLAND. DOES THIS MEAN THAT REGARDLESS OF THE CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AVAILABLE WE ARE HELPLESS TO STOP THE DESTRUCTION?

WILL THE REAL AUSTRALIANS PLEASE STAND UP!