

**INQUIRY INTO PERFORMANCE OF THE NSW  
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

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We live In The Only Known Habitat In The Universe.

The N.S.W. E.P.A. is failing us all.

This is why the N.S.W. E.P.A. MUST improve in it's efforts to protect The Habitat and move more quickly to prosecute individuals and especially corporations and government agencies that damage ecosystems and threaten natural processes contained within The Habitat.

There is no separation or division to the integrity of Life and The Habitat. The Habitat on Earth is the one place known of anywhere in the entire universe to support Life. Conversely, the combined mass of Life on Earth creates and maintains The Habitat. Joined by gravity, soil, water, air and temperature Life and The Habitat are a one and only singularity.

The aggressive extractive nature of human activity over the past one thousand years, and the “fiscal-fiasco” we call “The Global Economy” has resulted in massive industrial alterations to The Habitat and is directly responsible for the extinction of many important species, and the breakdown of many life-supporting systems. The rapid population growth of humans and industrial expansion has even altered the thermal dynamics and chemical processes of our atmosphere, soils and oceans.

Every time we change or alter The Habitat, we permanently alter natural systems that have taken hundreds or thousands, even millions of years to develop. Once altered it is nearly impossible to predict what will happen with these systems within geologic timeframes.

I ask you to consider very carefully the legacy your own decisions daily rigmarole and habits will leave for future generations of your own family.

As “business as usual” heads into an ever shortening future, new ways of thinking and new priorities must be encouraged. We must all work hard to protect The Habitat from obviously destructive enterprise while we transition to sustainable values, reconnected ecosystems, low energy technologies and lifestyles, and a viable carbon sensitive global economy.

I live and work to spread this message and know there is and must be a change coming, a change in values, a change in attitudes, a change in lifestyles and peoples' habits. A change in the way we think. I know because young people show me it is true, every day.

– Mark Merritt–

P.S. I say, people do not spoil the Earth, it is corporations and corporate driven fiscal demands that do. Corporate law must be re-written to sustain and protect our Habitat. We need to replace the corporate profit priority with a priority to protect our Earths' Habitat first.