

# **Heritage values of living landscapes**

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# Heritage values of living landscapes

- Our societies have evolved with landscape as the ever-present backdrop to human activities,
- The cultures we have inherited need to maintain landscape as part of their human context.
- Parallels can be drawn between the issues facing any modern society, and the issues facing landscapes

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This presentation explores:

- those parallels, and ways to increasingly 'lock in' landscape values as ethics for building community,

*and*

- how individuals and groups can maintain a landscape ethic that will further their own ideals and grow stronger communities.

# The little spot of heaven

Looking over Lot xxx, Eneabba (??)

Privately owned land now vested with the National Trust



The landscape has always provided us with water to drink,  
rains to support our foodchain; fresh and dried foods;  
personal and family shelter



Overview from a mining track



Bushland on the east boundary

Everyone needs clean air.

Plants hold an important place in providing it (whether or not carbon credits are involved).



Eucalyptus camaldulensis woodland  
regrowth



Melaleuca preissiana woodland

Soil is held together with plant roots, ensuring it doesn't blow away and protecting it from erosion



Above: Sandplain shrubland above the wetlands

Upper Left: Eucalyptus bordering the wetland

Left: Dense vegetation surrounding the spring



Rivers and fresh lakes need the water-filtering services of landscape; relying upon growing plants to keep overland flow slow and potable.



Left: Dead trees in salt affected areas



Above: *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* fringing saltlands

# Collecting geophysical data



Above: Geophysics line on east boundary

Below: Walking line in the geophysics area



Geophysics  
lines in  
shrubland



# Valuable habitat



# The Wetlands



Left: mature trees fringing the wetland



Above: Melaleucas at the spring



Left: Ray Tauss at the wetland that is now a heritage site

Right: Melaleuca raphiophylla at the spring



“An Australian culture, seeking to reinvent itself with each passing decade, would do well to identify landcare and environmental concerns as ways to address community divisions, and as a way to draw people together to increasingly focus on our common needs” – Ray Tauss, 2009

