

Recommendations for a Kulaluk Wilderness, Heritage and Education Park

A last opportunity to be true to the vision of its founders

- ‘Darwin Harbour: death by a thousand cuts,’ *EnvironmeNT*, March/April 2006, p.1
- Sketch map of plans for Kulaluk published in the newsletter *Bunji*, No.1 1978
- Photograph of RAAF Mirage jet crash at Kulaluk 1985
- Kulaluk as it was meant to be - poster

Appendices to a Report by

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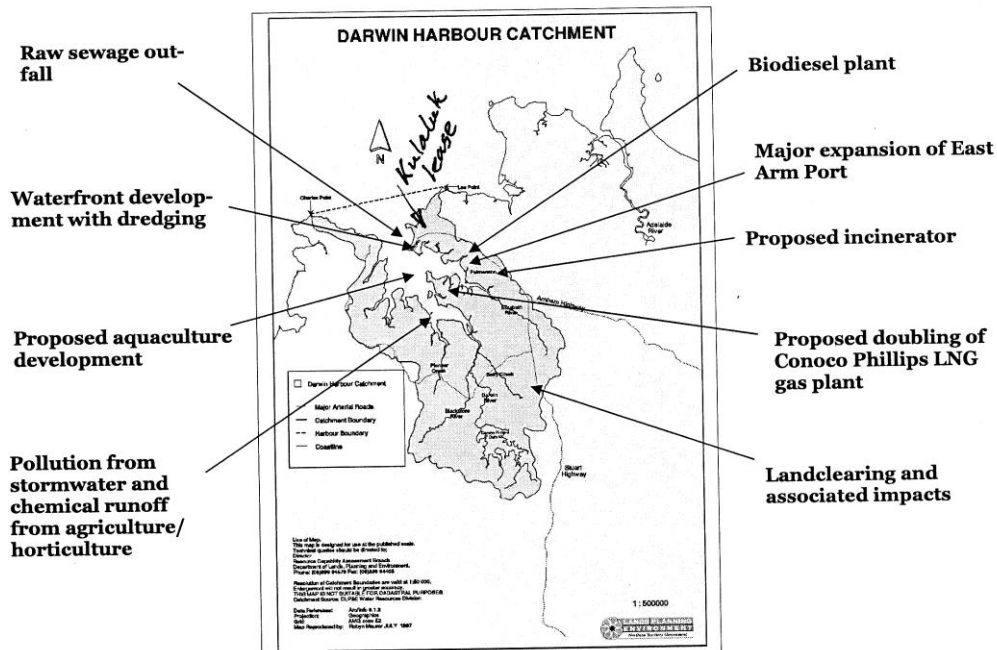
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Darwin Harbour Death by a thousand cuts?



Darwin Harbour is suffering. Urban development, agricultural development, industrial development, recreational useage and climate change are combining to put ever increasing pressure on the Harbour environment—including both the water body itself and the much larger catchment area (see map)

Although a Darwin Harbour Plan of Management was finalised a few years ago, this Plan is not being adequately implemented, and is not taken seriously by developers and the sections of government pushing for more and more industrialization in the Harbour.

The Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee, created by government in 2003, has no power to stop the Harbour being degraded by poorly planned and assessed development. Inadequate funding of this body has left it languishing at the bottom of government priority.

If major changes do not occur soon, this extraordinary Territory asset will end up like so many of the world's other great harbours: polluted, over-developed and ecologically impoverished.



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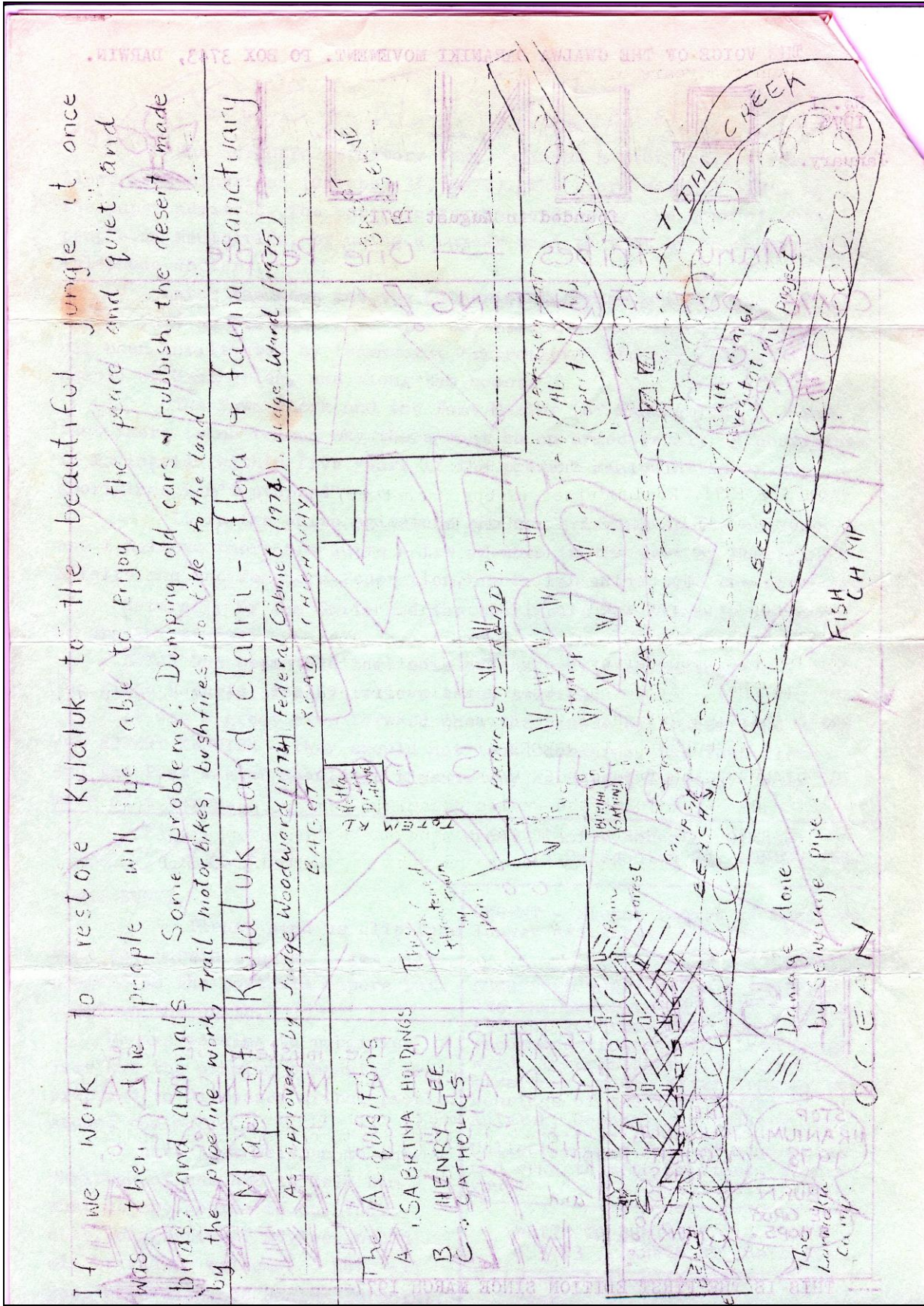
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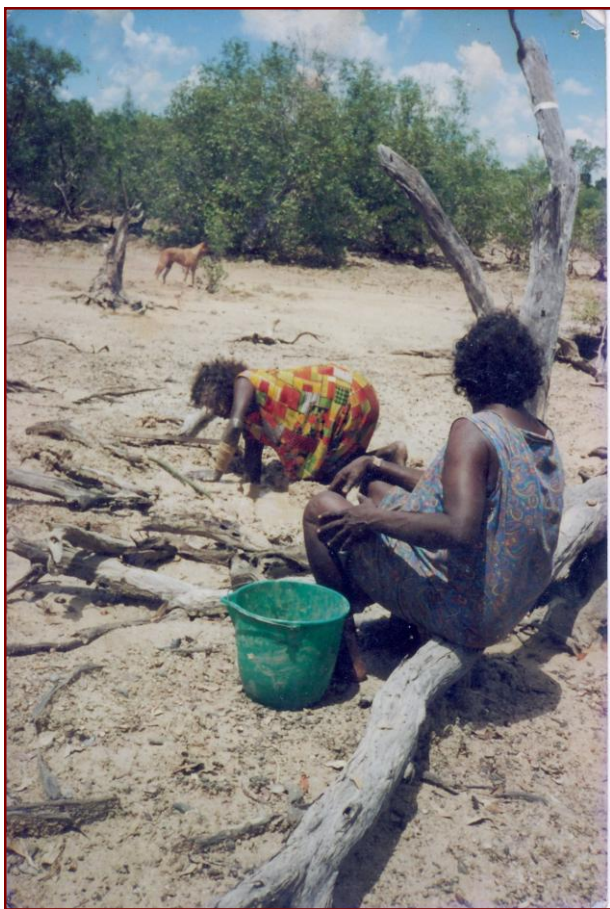
9.12 RAAF Mirage jet crash at Kulaluk 1985.



Above: In 1985 a RAAF Mirage fighter jet crashed on the tidal flats of the Kulaluk bay. After the pilot ejected safely over Coconut Grove the jet skidded to a halt on the sand, as shown in the photograph. The Kulaluk monsoon forest can be seen in the background, with a stand of Casuarina trees and the fish trap at Bill Day's camp on the right. The jet was dragged out along the beach and is now displayed in the NT Aviation Museum. For an account of this incident see Bill Day's book, *Bunji: a Story of the Gwalwa Daraniki Movement*, published in 1994 by Aboriginal Studies Press, page133.

Photo courtesy of NT Aviation Museum.

9.13 Kulaluk Tidal flats poster (B Day 2006)



LEFT:

**Kulaluk as it
was meant to
be...**

Dulcie and
Agnes digging for
shellfish on the Kulaluk
tidal flats in 1997.



**ABOVE: Kulaluk tidal flats as they are in 2007, after
excavation for a 'crab farm.'**