


Mangroves an important supplementary food source for Darwin's **Larrakia people** and Aboriginal people who live at the Darwin **Bagot Community** in Ludmilla, Northern Territory. This poster was prepared by **Therese Ritchie** of Darwin, 2010, in response to the **Kulaluk Gwalwa Daraniki Association** and **Gwelo Investment's** plans for the **Arafura Harbour marina** development in **Ludmilla Creek**.

"If they take the mangroves, we 'Saltwater People' will have nothing left of our traditional Aboriginal way of life which has been handed down to us by our old people."



We must be able to teach each new generation of Aboriginal children (and also to teach European children) about our 'Saltwater' way of surviving in the mangroves. We gather shellfish and crabs, and go fishing in the mangroves for good health. Mangrove worms are great bush medicine for colds and 'flu'; and the clay from the mangrove roots is good bush medicine for diarrhoea. Also, many different bush plums provide our vitamins. Without bush medicine from the plants in the swamps and healthy food from under the mangroves we will get sick and die."

JOY WHITE, PUBLIC OFFICER FOR THE BAGOT COMMUNITY.

Above: A postcard by Darwin artist, Therese Ritchie, with a statement by Joy White, a long-term Bagot resident, that emphasises the importance of urban mangrove habitats for Darwin Aborigines.