

# Wiimali Chronicle

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## Stormwater Pollution Threatens Gubiy

The local government and the community now recognises stormwater pollution as a major contributor to the degradation of Wiimali's Gubiy River and many of our other natural waterways. Stormwater pollution is impacting on the natural environment and the community in many ways:

- Tonnes of sediment and rubbish are annually transported into the River and creeks.
- Run off from roads and other sources contribute

heavy metals, oils, bacteria, nutrients and other chemicals into the stormwater system and further pollute our waterways

- Extensive areas of habitat and native species of flora and fauna have been lost to current generations
- Creeks have become choked with contaminated sediments that have poisoned marine species.
- Plastics, styrene and other rubbish litter the river banks detracting from

the natural and spiritual values of these places for the community

The management of catchments and the improvement of stormwater quality and quantity are increasingly important in meeting quality of life objectives for the community.

The Council has a stormwater management plan for Wiimali. It aims to facilitate the coordinated management of stormwater within Wiimali's catchments to improve water quality and maximise the ecological sustainability of our creeks and river systems.

## Letter to the Editor

A well known African proverb states that "It takes a village to raise a child". I moved to Wiimali from Sydney two years ago because I thought this 'village' would provide the type of safe and secure community where my children could flourish. Your paper has highlighted over recent weeks that I may just have well stayed in the city. We've heard about paedophiles, youth workers assaulting children in their care, attacks in the local park and contaminated air and

water. The local hospital is running on 'limited services' and my son had to wait over a week to see the GP. To add insult to injury I've just found out that the TAFE might be closing. If it takes a village to raise a child then this 'village' needs to take stock or we are going to end up with a very



damaged generation of kids.