

Dump in the garden

Every morning, when Armidale's weather permits it, it's a bit of a ritual of mine to enjoy my first cuppa sitting outside. During this I enjoy watching the crimson rosellas feeding. The galas are their usual vocal selves and the grass parrot duck and dive through the seven hundred acres of mainly farm land that I am very lucky to call home. If you sit still enough, the superb fairy-wrens will come so close you can nearly touch them. At night, the possums emerge from the chimneys and walk the power lines over to the elms. The ghost bats swoop at the bugs and I have a nest of tawny frog mouth owls. I have to relocate echidnas out of the garage and i'm still trying to catch a glimpse of the baby platypus I spotted last summer in Burying ground creek. This is your back garden Armidale!

Unfortunately, I live not very far at all from the proposed new dump site. I had not heard anything about this until NBN news turned up to ask me my opinion on the new dump. I know our rubbish must go somewhere but I am positive that there must be a more appropriate site. I am trying to paint a picture of the beauty that is now being threatened and I urge Armidilians to do yourselves a favour and to just take a drive out and see for yourselves. I would also like to offer my services and save the rate payers \$500,000 by giving you a complementary environmental impact study ... it will screw up the area and the precious wildlife it contains.

If we do nothing about this now Armidale, we will have no right to complain about it once it is there. On the other hand, it is our rubbish and maybe if we try to reduce, reuse and avoid overly packaged products we could make a con-

tribution to this world that
provides for us!

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