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It is about time that the wholesale destruction of Western Sydney's natural environment ceases or is at least eased to a significant extent. The report that posed as environmental offsetting for the Western Sydney Airport failed to achieve any genuine environmental offsetting. My understanding is that one aspect remains outstanding is offsetting for destroyed wetlands. There are other failings. Now we have before us the add-ons to environmental destruction emerging such as what has required development of the Mamre Road Stormwater Scheme. 10,000ha or more of bitumen, brick, concrete and other impervious substances replacing the carpet of vegetation that is the landscape of the proposed Aerotropolis will accelerate stormwater run-off into Kemps, Ropes and South Creeks doing serious erosion of creek banks, push out of their present habitat native fauna such as Australian Bass and Platypus. This is particularly the case if piping of water is introduced. Landscaping of the Aerotropolis will undoubtedly introduce exotic vegetation as decorations for built structures and the stormwater run-off will carry seeds of the exotics into the aforesaid creeks making the task of sustaining and restoring of the riparian zones even greater a difficulty and cost - huge!!! IPART should accept fully the Sydney Water proposal for recycling stormwater to produce non-potable water supply within the Aerotropolis, natural channelling of water not captured and channelling to engineered ponds for retention and improved aquatic fauna habitat. At least the latter might undo a little of the loss of wetlands through Aerotropolis and Western Sydney Airport construction. Further, the full costing of \$1M per hectare proposed by Sydney Water and not the reduced cost of \$850,000 per hectare proposed by IPART should be adopted. It is time that development pays its due to the natural environment it destroys.