



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

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Australian Premiere of “Oil & Water”

Friday Environment Forum at Noosa Parks Association Environment Centre this week, 11th November, will screen a multi-award winning documentary. A powerful and appealing film, “*Oil & Water*,” tells the story of two teenagers—one American, one Ecuadorian—fighting to restore the country’s rainforests and seeking justice for the indigenous peoples damaged by the effects of oil exploration and drilling in one of the world's most biodiverse places on the planet, the Ecuadorian Amazon.



Oil Sludge on the Amazon River

Most people are well aware of the continuing destruction of the Amazon rainforest, but relatively few people know about the devastation beneath this rich ecosystem in Ecuador.

Hugo Lucitante, from the indigenous Cofan tribe in Ecuador, and David Poritz, from Amherst, Massachusetts are focused, diligent, goal-oriented, and committed to their cause of saving the environment. The connection between the two takes the documentary into a personal life that is fascinating in its portrayal of the local culture and environment.

The filmmakers concentrated on the journey of these two admirable young men for more than six years. Following Hugo and David growing from boys to men, the film is a sobering look at the enormous pressures each face, but it also demonstrates how two determined people can make a positive difference in the world.

All are welcome to the Australian premiere of this inspiring film in at the Noosa Parks Association Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville on Friday November 11. A gold coin donation will be appreciated. Friday Environment Forum commences at 10.30am while coffee and a chat are on offer at 10.00. For those interested in an interpretive birding walk before the forum, meet Valda in the Environment Centre car park at 8.30am.

All welcome.



Hugo & David searching for oil sludge