Episode 3: Imagining stronger citizen led resistance to state capture by vested interests.



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Dr Diesendorf is an environmental scientist with an academic background in physics and applied mathematics. He consults, teaches and researches in the interdisciplinary fields of ecological economics, sustainable energy, energy policy and sustainability theory. He has a keen interest in exploring how our governments, businesses and other organisations can achieve ecologically sustainable and socially fair development.

Dr Diesendorf's research has helped identify the interconnected, damaging effects produced by politically powerful vested interests supported by an economic system based on the exploitation of the environment and most people for the benefit of a wealthy minority. Along with other researchers in this space such findings point toward a highly probable dystopian future involving the continued loss of nature, massive social disruption and even the ultimate collapse of modern civilisation.

In complete and hopeful contrast, in this episode Dr Diesendorf discusses some of the actions we would need to take to move us onto pathways toward far more preferable, flourishing futures. These actions include weakening state capture and pushing for a fairer society through building a mass movement and alliances; and implementing visionary policies, such as transitioning to a steady state economy and providing universal basic services.

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