EPISODE 8: Imagining community empowered protection and stewardship of nature in Southern Queensland by 2040.

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Along with a growing number of other concerned citizens, Scot McPhie believes that we need deep reforms to our ways of protecting our nature, our biodiversity, here in S.E Queensland and elsewhere, because, clearly, our current business-as-usual approaches to doing the job are not fit for purpose.

Without a well-protected, well-connected, and community-stewarded place for nature going forward, the health of our natural world and the human health and wellbeing which relies so heavily upon it—will almost certainly continue to deteriorate.

One of Scot's nature protection advocacy actions in recent years in this region has been to support calls on local government to take a more assertive stand in managing infrastructure development proposals - so as to achieve a better balance between the closely linked needs of our human and more than human, natural world communities.

So, **what if** we could achieve such a better balance in the years ahead? And what might it take to reach that goal? These are some of the future vision imaginative questions which help frame this episode.

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