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Newcastle is serviced by at least 5 currencies:

HunterLETS Local Exchange Trading System); TimeBanking (supported by NSW government); BarterCard and bBX (2 business to business barter systems); and the national dollar.

If you don't include the diversity, you don't get the robustness.

I attach the 12 principles of Permaculture (design of sustainable systems), so NCC can scorecard its performance...

Permaculture Design Principles

1 Observe and Interact

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder



2 Catch and Store Energy

Make hay while the sun shines



3 Obtain a Yield

You can't work on an empty stomach



4 Apply Self-regulation and Accept Feedback

The sins of the fathers are visited on the children unto the seventh generation



5 Use and Value Renewable Resources and Services

Let nature take its course



6 Produce No Waste

*A stitch in time saves nine
Waste not, want not*



7 Design from Patterns to Details

Can't see the wood for the trees



8 Integrate Rather than Segregate

Many hands make light work



9 Use Small and Slow Solutions

*The bigger they are, the harder they fall
Slow and steady wins the race*



10 Use and Value Diversity

Don't put all your eggs in one basket



11 Use Edges and Value the Marginal

Don't think you are on the right track just because it is a well-beaten path



12 Creatively Use and Respond to Change

Vision is not seeing things as they are but as they will be

