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TO THE BEACH

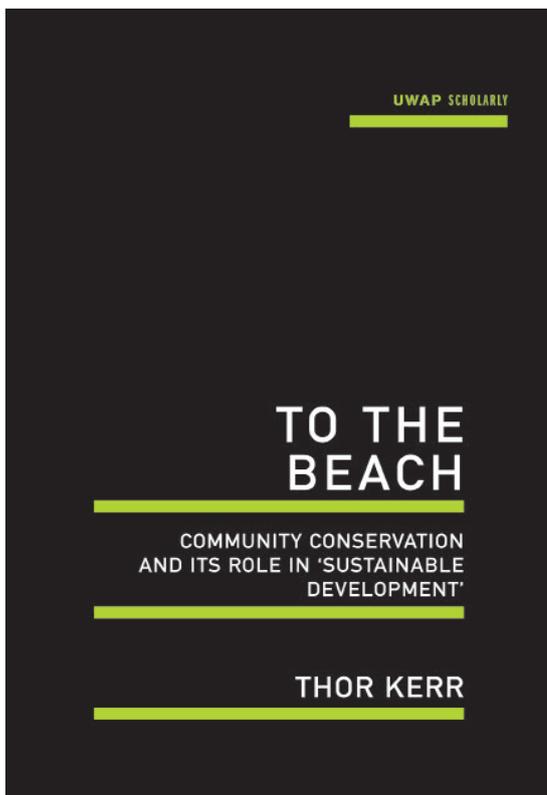
Community conservation and its role in 'sustainable development'

A new book by **Thor Kerr**

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To The Beach contributes to us rethinking our relationships to the environment... and to larger questions around neoliberalism, democracy, civic participation, politics and resistance.

- Dr Vijay Devadas,
Otago University

When property developers, politicians and a vocal community debate how local land should be used, with the media intent on exposing conflicting interests and incompatible ideologies, it is only a matter of time before plans change and careers take new paths.

Written as an engaging account of politics and coastal property development in Fremantle, *To the Beach* is an account of the politics of ecological crisis in Australia. Through this book, Thor Kerr encourages readers to reflect on perceptions of environmental threats and solutions and describes how environmental movements form around a shared desire to live a local experience – in this case, the experience is 'our' beaches.

Drawing on PhD research, this topical book is a useful scholarly resource and an engaging study for readers with an interest in Australian politics and culture, particularly at the nexus of property development and environmental activism.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Thor Kerr will be appearing at the 2015 Ubud Writers Festival.

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