Socio-economic catalyst for ailing post-industrial port towns.

**RE:VITALISE**
Post-industrial portal towns are the antithesis of the antipodean urban matrix. High unemployment, large housing voids, and vacant industrial land are classic symptoms of the decline.

**RE:COMMISSION**
Global ship wrecking is performed by third-world countries in unregulated conditions causing irreparable damage to their eco-systems. 700 large commercial vessels require decommissioning and recycling every year in a 1.5 billion dollar industry. Oil rigs have similar problems at the end of their lives. Around 1000 offshore structures have already been removed from the Gulf of Mexico, the number of platforms dating from the 1970's and 80's eligible for decommissioning is growing. Rigs are sunk on site causing biohazards or broken down at massive expense.

**RE:CYCLE**
We propose that portal towns are revitalized as regulated recycling nodes for ships and rigs, utilizing their redundant industrial infrastructure. This process would involve a public spectacle and attract global media attention.

**RE:IMAGINE**
The rigs and ships are intertwined with social programmes acting as a catalyst for public involvement, incorporating ecology, energy production, skills, education, and leisure. This would aim to empower the working class population.

Animation stills - To see the video, please visit www.mybirkenhead.com/rignite

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