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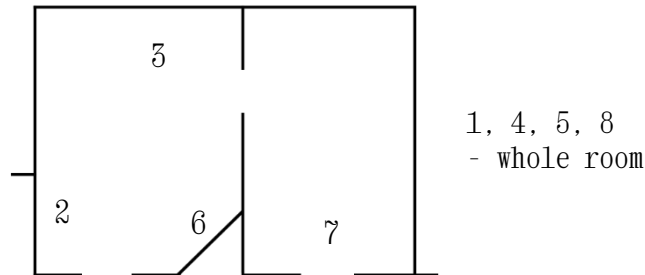
MIXXED BUSINESS: FULLY RELOADED II

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In 2016, Pet Projects were invited by Campbelltown Art Centre, NSW to participate in an exhibition responding to Western Sydney demographic statistics produced by consultancy firm Deloitte. The trio of artists undertook a two-week residency, culminating in the discovery of a ouija board scrawled behind a painting in a Quest Apartment hotel, and the creation and exhibition of a four-part 'documentary' film - *Mixed Business* - that compared statistical analysis to supernatural divination.

Six years later, Pet Projects are still consumed by unanswered rhetorical questions: how does creative practice survive a career in the arts? How is arts labour subsumed by other economic priorities connected to development, activation and public relations? Can God create a rock larger than they could lift?

Mixed Business: Fully Reloaded II is a prequel and origin story set in a children's activity station at a public art gallery, in 2013. Part cathartic exorcism, part escapist fantasy and part excuse for Pet Projects to vent about work, this feature-length *5-Minute Crafts* video will be a free family-friendly event that's fun for the whole family.



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| 1 <i>Artificial Hells</i> , 2023, colour lighting filters, site-specific. | 5 <i>Negative Affect</i> , 2023, Little Trees air fresheners, site-specific. |
| 2 <i>Worldbuilding</i> , 2023, flour, salt, water, graphite, and chewing gum on floating shelves with secondhand Ikea children's furniture, installation. | 6 <i>fear dot com dot au</i> , 2023, plastic bucket with detergent, dirty water, and leaves 32×32×26 cm. |
| 3 <i>chILdrEn's tABLE</i> , 2023 Flour, salt, water, and graphite on secondhand Ikea children's table ø 85 /H 58 cm. | 7 <i>Mixed Business II: Fully Reloaded</i> , 2023, HD digital video with sound, 6 min 66 sec. |
| 4 <i>Egregore</i> , 2023, Graphite mural on wall, site-specific. | 8 <i>*protection*</i> , 2023, salt, site-specific. |

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