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Two Tides
Digital Photograph by Jamie Holcombe



Two Tides, 2016, Jamie Holcombe, Digital Photographic Print, 100x150cms.

Thematic interpretation addressed:

Landscapes of/in Memory: Frontiers, Promised Lands, Lost Edens

This interior landscape finds its only cheer in the idyllic brackish waters depicted in a picturesque painting reproduction. The ideal coastal estuary adorning this space serves to highlight that our interior-orientated habitats often rest uncomfortably at odds with the natural landscape. There was a time when people who lived by the sea measured their lives by the tides, not clocks. Now ruled by the clock however, our working lives are often tied to a different tide, occasionally only punctuated by melancholic reminders, in this case provided by a painting on the gritty wall of a cheap motel room that is home to a mine shift worker in central Western Australia.

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