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Mr Andrew McKinnon
Chairman
Gold Coast World Surfing Reserve Inc
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Dear Mr McKinnon

Re: Gold Coast World Surfing Reserve Proposal

I appreciate you taking the time to brief me on the upcoming application to Save the Waves to designate Burleigh Point to Snapper Rocks a World Surfing Reserve.

The Southern Gold Coast community has a long, proud relationship with the beach and surf breaks. This relationship has had deep and positive impacts on our cultural identity and contributed economically and socially to our growing community.

Our local population have benefited from the recreational opportunities the beach provides as well as the international interest in our unique breaks and beach environment. For example, the World Surfing tour brings competitors and tourists from all over the world to our beautiful beaches, contributing economically and inspiring locals.

I believe a World Surfing Reserve status would provide international recognition of this relationship and its enduring nature. It provides us an opportunity to celebrate our unique beaches, their surrounding environments and communities.

I note that these breaks are already classified as a National Surfing Reserve and you have advised a World Surfing Reserve status will not hinder, obstruct or restrict any activities or pre-existing events. I also acknowledge that you have consulted local community groups who have provided letters of support for this proposal and convened a public meeting.

I am proud to support this application to have our beautiful coastline from Burleigh Point to Snapper Rocks internationally recognised as a World Surfing Reserve.

Kind Regards,

The Hon Karen Andrews MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Science
Federal Member for McPherson