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Mr Andrew McKinnon. Chairman Gold Coast World Surfing Reserve 21 Elizabeth St, Currumbin 4223.

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Dear Andrew,

Re: Nomination for Gold Coast beaches nomination for World Surfing Reserve status.

Gecko- Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council Association Inc. is pleased to be able to support your nomination of the Gold Coast for the prestigious title of World Surfing Reserve. Gold Coast beaches and wave breaks from Snapper Rocks to Burleigh Heads are recognised as exceptional and this is borne out by the popularity of the surfing opportunities here. We also understand that Gold Coast has produced 22 world surfing title holders, which surely must demonstrate the importance of this area to the surfing world.

Should Gold Coast win this nomination it would place this City as one of only 8 recipients in the world, which would be a great honour. The World Surfing Reserve status can only add to the regard and care of our beaches and assist the many surfing organisations in taking pride in their efforts to protect and enhance these assets.

It is understood that, even though this title does not confer any managerial role upon the World Surfing Reserve Board, it does add weight to the necessity of effective stewardship of these beaches through the Gold Coast City Surf Management Plan.

Gecko wishes you every success in your pursuit of this title.

Yours sincerely

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