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## **Re: Proposed Gold Coast Point Breaks World Surfing Reserve**

National Surfing Reserves supports the establishment of a World Surfing Reserve (WSR) at the existing Gold Coast Point Breaks National Surfing Reserve (NSR).

The Gold Coast point breaks (Burleigh Heads, Currumbin Alley, Kirra Point and Greenmount-Snapper Rocks) are recognized internationally as outstanding and world class surfing sites.

Each of the sites has a long and well-documented surfing history dating back to the formation of their respective surf lifesaving clubs as early as the 1910's, and in the 1960's their respective boardriding clubs.

Today these sites are internationally recognized and are the sites of local, national and international professional surfing contests.

Each site has a strong local surfing community, which combined with the overall Gold Coast has probably the world's greatest concentration of surfers and related surf culture, community and industry.

The establishment of the Gold Coast Point Breaks NSR in 2012 recognised all the above at a national level. It is now time to further elevate the status of these breaks with the international recognition they deserve, by declaring them a WSR.

They fulfill the criteria to become a WSR – with excellent world-class waves; a long and rich surfing history and culture; and strong community support.

The NSR Board unanimously supports the Gold Coast surfing and broader community in their desire to achieve WSR status for these breaks. The breaks fulfill the NSR and WSR criteria, and elevation to WSR status will further enhance the Gold Coast as a true 'surfers paradise'.

Board, National Surfing Reserves  
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