



## **National Campaign Policy on Personal Watercraft and Tow Surfing**

Surfrider Foundation acknowledges the large and important role that personal watercrafts (PWCs), i.e. jet skis, play in modern surfing, for both towing and accessing waves. However, Surfrider Foundation Australia considers that PWCs can, if used irresponsibly, unduly harm the marine environment, disturb paddle surfers and wildlife and cause pollution, with fumes, noise and fuel spills.

Surfrider Foundation Australia advocates the following:

- Support the introduction of regulations that would require all PWCs to use 4 stroke engines that reduce petrochemical discharge by up to 97% as well as greatly reducing noise pollution.
- The right of paddle surfers to surf any breaks unhindered and undisturbed by tow surfers and PWC's.
- If a towing team arrives at a break where surfers are successfully paddling in, they should not commence towing.
- The use of PWCs in a manner that respects the safety of surfers and does not harass surfers or wildlife.