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South Stradbroke Island (TOS) now on Endangered Waves list!

Surfrider Foundation today announced that the iconic beachbreak, **The Other Side (TOS), at South Stradbroke Island**, on Queensland's Gold Coast, has been added to its list of Australia's (most) Endangered Waves.

The proposed development of a cruise ship terminal through the Gold Coast City Council and Queensland State Government's 'Broadwater Marine Project' places surfing at South Stradbroke Island under massive threat. In calling for proposals for the development of what is one of the last major parcels of undeveloped public land the BMP will restrict access and alter the environment of the legendary 'TOS' surf break.

Surfrider Foundation Chair, Dr Rex Campbell, said today: "The classic waves at South Stradbroke Island (TOS) are the result of a unique and delicate balance of sandbanks and currents. Loss of access, damage to the marine environment and dredging in the immediate vicinity will all place the quality of these waves at risk.

We urge the local and State Governments to reconsider the whole concept of installing a cruise ship terminal. The Gold Coast is very densely populated with surfers and we can't afford to lose any more breaks".

"Studies clearly indicate the huge economic value of surfing to this part of the coast and any degradation of what is one of Australia's best beach breaks will be fought and fought hard" he went on to say.

Surfrider Foundation Australia is part of an international movement with over 50,000 members worldwide. It is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the protection of waves and beaches through Conservation, Activism, Research and Education (CARE).

Surfrider Foundation Gold Coast Tweed branch President Jess Hensman, will provide a presentation on the inclusion of TOS on the Endangered Waves list on 13th June from 6pm at Albert Waterways Hall, Sunshine Blvd, Broadbeach. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Surfrider Foundation Australia's Endangered Waves list

Surfrider Foundation Australia has identified nine waves that have failed its criteria defining an imminent threat. These places are threatened by a variety of impacts ranging from coastal infrastructure development to water pollution, access problems and mismanagement (see www.surfrider.org.au for further information on the criteria).

The list of Australia's (most) Endangered Waves is:

- The Other Side (TOS) South Stradbroke Island [Queensland]
- Bastion Point (Mallacoota) [Victoria]
- Bells Beach [Victoria]
- Kirra Point, Gold Coast [Queensland]
- North Narrabeen [New South Wales]
- Capricorn Coast [Queensland]
- Ball Bay [Norfolk Island]
- Westernport Bay [Victoria]
- Tam O'Shanter Bay [Tasmania]

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