



Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a long time representative of the surfing community and as editor of Australia's longest running surf magazine for the past eight years I would like to offer Surfing World's endorsement to Surfrider Foundation Australia's submission to include a "surf zone" in the proposed Coastal Management Bill 2015.

Surfing is a culture and a lifestyle unto itself, and also a multi-billion dollar global industry that relies entirely on sound environmental strategies to ensure the wonder of our coastlines and the social and economical benefits that come from them are not lost to future generations. Because of this surfers have always played the role of coastal guardians and the Surfrider Foundation Australia in particular has long been the voice that represents the concerns and attitudes of our tight knit surfing community.

Having read the SFA's submission I agree with the broad goal of defining and protecting the "surf zone". The points articulated within the submission show more than enough cause to have a "surf zone" included in the Coastal Management Bill.

The NSW government clearly supports surfing with investments in events aimed at drawing more tourism to our famous NSW beaches and various surfing programs with more social aims like improved health and the Coastal Management Bill 2015 will obviously highlight their commitment. Why not take the extra step to protect "surf zones" and reinforce that commitment to a powerful and involved surfing community?

Sincerely

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