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## Media Release

### Senators and Surfing Icons Rally Behind Wallum

The Wallum ecosystem in Brunswick Heads welcomed another wave of high-profile support yesterday as the Save Wallum campaign momentum continues.

Pro surfer and environmental activist Dave Rastovich—renowned for his ocean advocacy and his popular podcast, [Water People](#), co-hosted with his wife, Lauren, and backed by eco-conscious brand Patagonia—joined the cause. Accompanying him was Greens federal Senator [Peter Whish-Wilson](#), often dubbed the 'surfing senator' from Tasmania, along with Mick McIntyre, founder and spokesperson for [Kangaroos Alive](#).

This influential group visited the region to amplify their voices in solidarity with the Northern Rivers community.

*“Because we do have a direct link between this site here and the river mouth, which is one of the most celebrated and loved waves in this area by surfers, the link between us all is really obvious and strong. We are so close to the beach here, we are so close to a water system that people love and bring their children to, everyone is being affected by this issue.”* says Dave Rastovich.

Guided by local environmental scientist Svea Pitman, the group explored the Crown Road Reserve, learning about the remarkable biodiversity and hydrology of the site, which remains at the heart of the community’s battle to protect it for future generations.

The Wallum ecology is a mix of wet and dry coastal heath and woodland communities, home to the endangered Swamp Mahogany and the groundwater-dependent Scribbly Gum woodlands. The area also shelters 24 threatened species, including koalas and the rare acid frogs that thrive only in the site's unique acidic waters.

*“These places are so rare now, they are diminishing everyday, and the single most important thing we can do in such a challenging time in history is save habitat. These trees are the first line of defense against climate change. It is just crazy in this day and age that a property developer could come along and clear this place to sell houses. The community should fight and stand shoulder to shoulder and do everything to protect this place”* shared Senator Peter Whish-Wilson.

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**Senator Peter Whish-Wilson with Svea Pittman at Wallum Brunswick Heads.**



**From left to right Mick McIntyre, Howie Cooke, Peter Whish-Wilson, Dave Rastovich.**



**From left to right Howie Cooke, Peter Whish-Wilson, Svea Pittman, Minoa Rastovich, Dave Rastovich.**