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## **Media Release**

### **Xavier Rudd Visits Save Wallum Blockade**

Musician Xavier Rudd quietly visited the Save Wallum blockade last Friday afternoon, 10th May 2024, ahead of his sold out Byron Bay gig that evening. A former Byron Shire resident and proud environmental campaigner, Rudd appeared quite at home in the camp of the peaceful vigil which has been onsite in Brunswick Heads for three months.

Rudd spoke with Traditional Owners, community members and human 'possums' all of whom are working together to save Wallum from destruction by Clarence Property for a housing development.

According to Environmental Scientist and Save Wallum spokesperson, Svea Pitman, there are 9 federally-listed Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) outstanding on the Wallum site, and 3 Endangered Ecological Communities (ECCs). The Threatened Species are, the Koala (Endangered), the South-Eastern Glossy-Black Cockatoo (Vulnerable), the Wallum Sedge Frog (Vulnerable), Mitchell's Rainforest Snail (Critically endangered), Long-Nosed Potoroo (Vulnerable), Regent Honeyeater (Critically endangered), Swift Parrot (Critically endangered), Grey-Headed Flying Fox (Vulnerable) and the Australasian Bittern (Endangered).

Rudd went on to mention the campaign to save the biodiverse ecosystem to his audience of thousands at his concert that evening encouraging the crowd to support and went on to post about the site visit on his social media channels.

#### About Save Wallum

The 30HA Wallum site located in Brunswick Heads NSW is currently at risk of development from a zombie DA. The planning and assessments of the site date back more than 10 years and would not be approved by today's standards. A community grassroots campaign formed in 2023 to protect this unique and biodiverse area, #SaveWallum. Non Violent Direct Action (NVDA) has been underway since 8 February 2024 with Save Wallum advocates living on and beside the site, prepared to stop bulldozers from land clearing.

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1. Xavier Rudd with Environmental Scientist and Save Wallum spokesperson, Svea Pitman and Save Wallum campaigner Tegan Teegzy. Image Credit Photographer Mac Maderski.
2. Xavier Rudd with 'I Showed Up' #SaveWallum sign. Image Credit Photographer Mac Maderski.





**Xavier Rudd with Colin Valuup Appo (standing) and Mark Cora (sitting), Mindjinbal Traditional Owner at Wallum Brunswick Heads May 2024. Image Credit Photographer Mac Maderski.**

