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| **Background**The key rationale for establishing a Personalised Watercraft (PWC) exclusion zone at Port Willunga Beach under the SA Harbours and Navigation Act 1993 is swimmer, surfer and scuba diver safety on this popular family and heritage-rich beach. The number of illegal and threatening  incursions into the current 200m low speed zone by personal watercraft (PWCs) travelling over the 4 knot speed limit is increasing each summer at Port Willunga, with a major incident involving over 20 PWCs harassing swimmers and surfers at high speed within 50m of the beach near Blanche Point occurring in January 2020. A summary of the reasons for establishing the exclusion zone in this location is provided below:* Growing PWC impacts on swimmer and surfer safety
* Growing PWC impacts on the biodiversity of the Aldinga Reef Aquatic Reserve at Snapper Point
* Growing PWC impacts on recreational enjoyment of the Aldinga Reef Aquatic Reserve
* Growing PWC impacts on recreational enjoyment of maritime heritage items such as the Port Willunga Jetty and iconic Star of Greece shipwreck
* Growing PWC noise impacts on the general amenity of the family beach
* An aspiration to provide choice for SA beach goers who wish to enjoy a beach free of PWCs on the mid-south coast
* The absence of public boat access ramps between the Aldinga Reef Aquatic Reserve at Snapper Point and Blanche Point make it an ideal area for a PWC exclusion zone
* The amenity of other beaches in this region (eg Sellicks, Aldinga, Moana) is already compromised by car access and boat ramp access to those beaches, while the Maslin unclad beach is not considered family-friendly
* Port Willunga would be an ideal location for a PWC exclusion zone to provide a safer option for families, scuba divers and surfers, and would complement existing PWC exclusion zones located further north at Kingston Park and Henley Beach.
* The proposal for a “jet-ski free zone” has been raised at Friends of Port Willunga (FOPW) AGMs over a twenty- year period, and was formally supported by a resolution at the FOPW 2020 AGM
* A PWC exclusion zone is likely to gain huge support amongst residents and visitors to Port Willunga beach, without compromising the enjoyment of PWC owners, who can continue to access the majority of beaches along the Gulf St Vincent coast and elsewhere in SA
* Such zones are becoming common worldwide as the numbers of Personalised Watercraft continue to increase exponentially
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