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Australia's Best Surf Artists Exhibit to Fight for the Bight

Kokomo Gallery, Byron Bay – International Event

Australia's best surf artists are coming together to exhibit in support of Fight for the Bight to stop Norwegian company Equinor from exploratory offshore drilling in the great Australian Bight.

The exhibition is being held at Kokomo Gallery in Byron Bay and opens on Friday 5 April 2019.

Artists include Michael Legge-Wilkinson, Digby Moran, Otis Cary, Ozzie Wright, and Annabelle Thomas (bios below).

According to Michael Legge-Wilkinson, "being surfers as well as artists, we have an intimate relationship with the ocean and will do everything in our power to stop Equinor or anyone else

drilling for oil in the Great Australian Bight and putting our great southern ocean, beaches and waves at risk.”

The Fight for the Bight Campaign has galvanised the surfing community all around Australia with 15,000 surfers participating in paddle out events in recent weeks to voice their opposition to the proposed exploratory offshore drilling by Equinor.

According to campaign director, Sean Doherty, “this exhibition is very timely and funds raised will help send Aboriginal Elders to the Equinor AGM which is being held in Norway in May and will help take the campaign to the next level on the International Stage.”

With over 30,000 submissions in less than a month to the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) against the proposed exploratory drilling, the Fight for the Bight campaign is destined to become one of the biggest environmental campaigns in Australia’s history.

According to Kokomo Gallery director, Jack Neate, “we are honoured to be able to contribute to the Fight for the Bight campaign and excited to be presenting the best surfer artists in Australia today for what is expected to be stand out show.”

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The Key Artists Involve in this Exhibition Event:

Michael Legge-Wilkinson



Michael is an award winning independent visual artist represented in private and corporate collections worldwide including but not limited to Australia, Brazil, China, England, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Hong Kong, Israel, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, Switzerland and the United States of America.

Blind in his left eye from a football injury, Michael focuses on major representational paintings and will be exhibiting recent work from his Spirit of Bundjalung series.

Digby Moran



Digby is one of Australia's most acclaimed Indigenous artists with contemporary works that draw on memories and stories from his childhood.

Otis Carey



Otis is a professional surfer and artist. He paints using a combination of traditional symbols and his own colour layering to create unique contemporary aboriginal paintings.

Ozzie Wright



Ozzie is a professional surfer, artist, filmmaker and musician. He loves to spray paint and his artworks reflect his unique and colourful take on life.

Annabelle Thomas



Annabelle creates ocean inspired illustrations using fine lines over colour washes to create intricate designs that are visually stunning.