



Trent Mitchell's stunning photo from the Save Kirra Paddle Out on Australia Day.

Burleigh shooter in photo prize hunt

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A PHOTOGRAPH from the Save Kirra Paddle Out on Australia Day is among 40 finalists for the annual Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize.

Burleigh photographer Trent Mitchell was with 1500 surfers in the water protesting at the massive sand build up from the Tweed River Sand Bypass pumping when

he snapped his stunning image titled "Australia Day - Save Kirra".

Run in conjunction with the Doug Moran National Portrait Prize, the Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize is a national photographic competition promoting contemporary photography and excellence in still photo-based artwork, including all types of analogue and digital photography.

There are three categories in the Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize: Open, Secondary Schools and Primary Schools, with all entrants asked to interpret "Contemporary Life in Australia".

Mr Mitchell's photo is entered in the Open section.

The Open finalists were selected by international photographer Andrew Quilty.

Mark Moran of the Moran Health Care Group said: "For Trent Mitchell to be selected from over 130,000 entries is a remarkable achievement.

"Not only will his work be hung at the State Library of NSW for six weeks from March 10, but the website on which it will be featured, moranprizes.com.au, is already receiving more than a million hits a month."

The winner and selected

finalists from the photographic competition will have their works included in a national exhibition tour.

Meanwhile, surfers campaigning for a solution to the sand build up which has wrecked Kirra's world famous surfing break met with Queensland Climate Change Minister Andrew McNamara in Brisbane on February 16.

The Kirra Point Commi-

tee, including co-organiser of the Save Kirra Paddle Out on Australia Day, Andrew McKinnon, are now hopeful the sand pile from the Tweed River Sand Bypass can be reduced.

Mr McKinnon said Mr McNamara had agreed the Kirra problem needed fixing and the Minister was seeking a report from the Environment Protection Authority.