

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Surf Life Saving uniform Burqini leggings

**Date**

c 2008

**Primary Maker**

Ahiida Swimwear and Sports Apparel

**Medium**

Polyester elastane (spandex or Lycra)

**Dimensions**

Overall (laid flat): 900 x 540 x 25 mm, 150 g

**Name**

Pants

**History**

On 11 December 2005 North Cronulla beach became the site of mass protest and racially motivated confrontations

between community groups. The protests known as the Cronulla riots were sparked by the assault of surf life savers by youths described in the media as being 'of Middle Eastern appearance'. This prompted a backlash towards people readily identifiable as Muslims, in particular Muslim women. In the wake of this community conflict, the Burqini™ swimsuit made headlines internationally when Mecca Laa Laa one of seventeen newly qualified surf life savers from the Lakemba Sports Club, wore a Burqini style surf life saving uniform when on patrol at North Cronulla beach. The adoption of Burqini swimsuits as patrol uniforms by Surf life Saving Australia was part of a broader cultural awarness and surf safety program called 'On the Same Wave'. The recruits from Lakemba Sports Club were assigned across the Cronulla Surf Clubs. This initiative was designed to help Surf Life Saving Australia move away from its traditional monocultural base and diversify its membership. On 11 December 2005 North Cronulla beach became the site of mass protest and racially motivated confrontations between community groups. The protests known as the Cronulla riots were sparked by the assault of surf life savers by youths described in the media as being 'of Middle Eastern appearance'. This prompted a backlash towards people readily identifiable as Muslims, in particular Muslim women.