

**Submission
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MANAGEMENT OF SHARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES WATERS

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Partially Confidential

I would like to lodge a personal submission on how the increase in shark activity has affected me.

1. I am a volunteer surf lifesaver and am choosing not to do active service at the moment due to lack of procedures put into place for my welfare. Even if I don't perform water rescue I can still be put into the position of responsibility to provide life support. I have seen first hand how this has permanently changed the lives of a number of people in my community post the death of Tadashi at Speeds (Ballina), and others involved in assisting with recent maulings.

2. I am a keen surfer and committee member of the All Girls Surf Riders Club, which promotes development of surf and surfboard skills of children and adults. It is an amazing club that has now had to cancel club rounds since the increased incidence of shark activity.

3. Surf lifesaving clubs provide voluntary safety patrols as well as provide training for over 500 nippers between Byron Bay and Evans Head. It would be a tragedy if an attack occurred and resulted in the death of a child before some major strategy was adopted like netting...at least until some other viable device was developed and proven.