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# **MANAGEMENT OF SHARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES WATERS**

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The shark attacks and encounters have had and continue to have a severe impact on the local community on a social, cultural and economic level.

Humans are more important and deserve more protection than a shark.

The only technology proven statistically to reduce the number of shark attacks/fatalities are nets/meshing and drum line programs. All other technology is idealistic at best.

Although introducing a new netting/meshing program may be unpopular outside of the community affected it is the Governments DUTY OF CARE to protect its citizens from identifiable risk and danger. Everyone I know who uses the ocean (and lives in Lennox or Ballina) is hoping for a netting program

Until the number of sharks entering the zone used by humans at the beaches are drastically reduced our community will suffer and the cultural iconic surfing region of Ballina/Lennox and Byron will be in jeopardy.

It is not acceptable that our local Surf Life Saving Club has a 75% reduction in Nipper registration and that we have a whole generation of young children petrified to enter the ocean

Dr Andrew Sharpe