

**Submission
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MANAGEMENT OF SHARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES WATERS

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Hi there,

I wish to provide a submission regarding my and others experiences in setting up and running a very cost effective aerial shark Surveillance operation. I have previously 2009, 2010, 2012 run a program attempting to get a community funded Aerial Surveillance platform established. We provided the most suitable and cost effective solution available using fully certified gyro planes. These have many benefits over fixed wing and helicopter and drone platforms.

We found nothing provides a better platform than an aircraft that is highly manouvable has diverse flight speed range and has even landed on beaches to physically remove people from the ocean, with a large shark lurking neaby. Equally having two sets of human eyes appears the most efficient and effective method of spotting sharks.

The concept is to get volunteer organisations such as surf life saving, and coastal patrol etc. And even rural fire services to have autonomous air support being provided in a similar manner to surf live saving volunteers running inflatable rubber boats.

This aircraft is extremely safe and relatively easy to fly in diverse and even difficult flying conditions.

This concept has and does save lives very cost effectively.

Regards Rudy VanDrie

Attention Hon. Niall Blair, MLC

I have on several occasions approached the State Government about a cost effective approach to providing aerial observational roles including Shark Patrols.

In fact in 2009, 2010 and 2011 I have been involved in setting up and running a privately funded shark patrol on the Mid-North and North Coasts.

This aircraft cost around the same as a family car to run... and is safe, and an excellent aerial observational platform.

I understand that you have been in discussions regarding the recent and increasing sightings of sharks in the Richmond Shire etc...

I want to alert/remind you and others... that in 2009 I and others provided a Shark Watch from Yamba to Byron over the christmass school holidays...

In 2010 another Shark Watch was set up covering the Clarence Coast....