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MANAGEMENT OF SHARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES WATERS

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There are so many alternatives to shark culling and netting that not only are more cost effective but most importantly do not have such a destructive effect on marine life.

Eco shark barriers and shark spotters program as used in South Africa to name a couple.

These could be used year round to give swimmers and surfers peace of mind and let humans and marine animals live in harmony.

Most polls would also show that the public do not support shark culling.

Sharks already have so many threats against their survival: finning, loss of prey due to overfishing, trophy fishing, destruction of marine habitat.

For an animal that has a sexual maturity of approximately 30 years, whose conservation status is already listed as vulnerable, and whose public image is that of a "man-killer" and "monster", Great White sharks are in danger of becoming wiped out.

This would have a devastating impact on the marine ecosystem and to certain individuals such as myself who believe sharks have an inherent right to live their life in their domain without being threatened.