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

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## Management of Sharks in New South Wales Waters (Inquiry)

Dear Inquiry,

Being a resident of the NSW north coast area and keen participant of some ocean and river activities, such as, surfing, swimming, snorkelling and scuba diving, I naturally have a concern about the recent 2015 shark encounters and attacks.

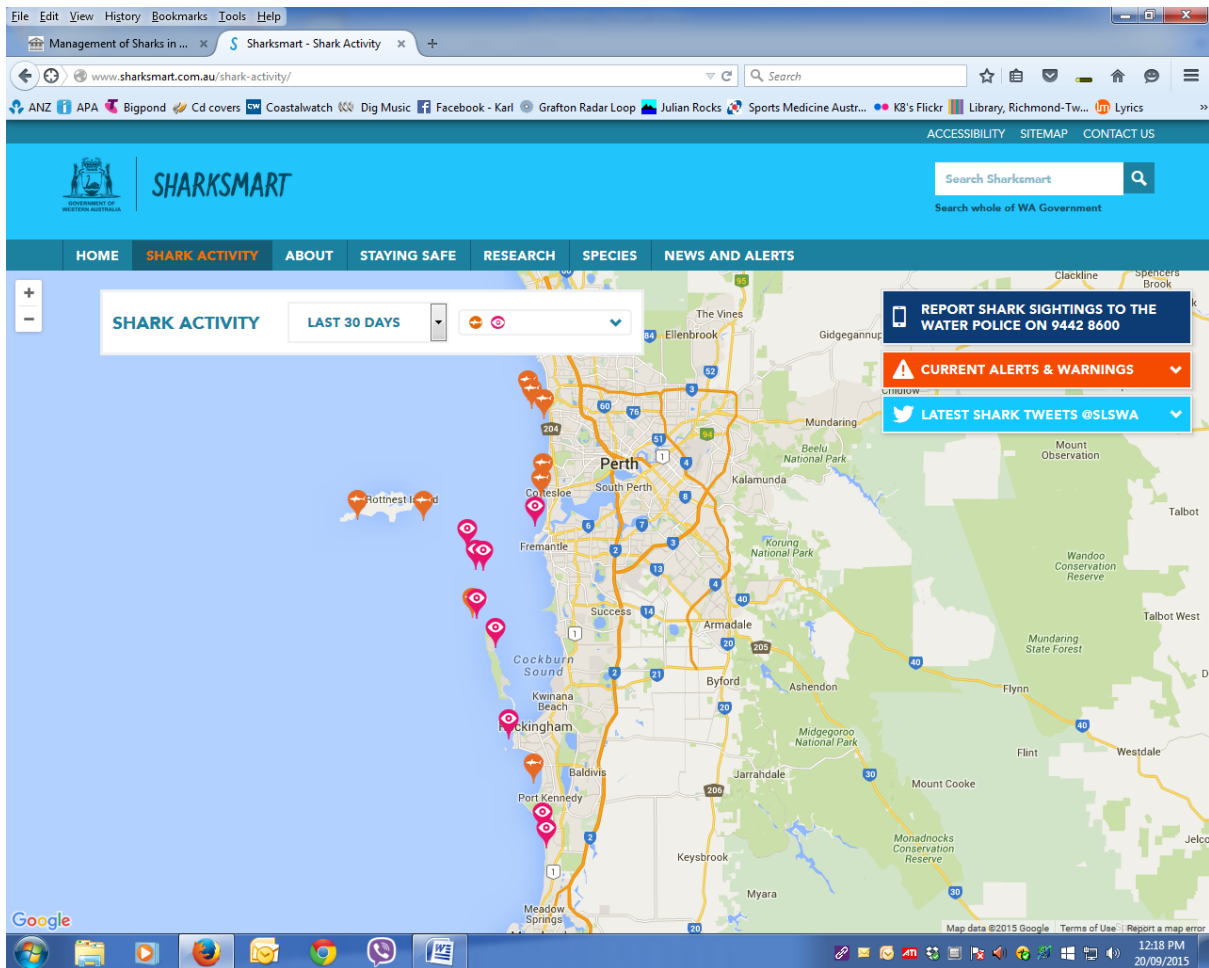
1. I'd like to express my concern that, to my knowledge, limited research has been performed, particularly, concerning great white sharks (whites) along the northern NSW coast.

Our local newspaper, The Northern Star, reported (19/9/15, p3) that recently eight whites have been tagged.

Whilst I applaud the tagging having been commenced, I find it concerning that the government has reacted retrospectively and not proactively concerning the whites issue.

It's only after the recent 2015 shark incidents, for example, the government has decided to research the whites. This basic research should have been carried out many years ago.

2. No doubt, you are aware that WA has also recently experienced increased shark incidences. They have responded in various ways but the Shark Smart website <http://www.sharksmart.com.au/> is very informative, and it shows the viewer where the tagged whites are and recent sightings of sharks. (see picture below (next page)).



This web site shark information would be most helpful in informing participants of ocean activities. If sharks have been reported in the area, then they may decide not to participate in a particular ocean activity, until the shark has moved away.

3. In conclusion, I'd like to recommend that:

- a lot more sharks are tagged (to enable monitoring and research)
- more underwater monitoring stations are created and
- a website, such as, Shark Smart is developed and implemented

Yours sincerely,

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