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MANAGEMENT OF SHARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES WATERS

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I believe White Shark protection laws should be modified to allow the population of large more dangerous sized animals that are big enough to pose a threat to humans and are found to be frequently visiting our beaches an example is the far north coast....should be tagged and monitored on a permanent basis with 'real time' warnings as to their location! In light of all the recent incidents on the far north coast wouldn't it be the logical location for the testing of any new and experimental warning and deterrent systems? As a far north coast resident I believe we are discriminated against because we are a minority! We are entitled to the same consideration as the residents living between Newcastle and Wollongong. Personally in my lifetime (68yrs) I've never seen a community so shaken up and cautious about entering the ocean.....and not only that the damage the shark issue is having on local businesses and family lives! We are a national and international destination for many thousands of tourists. The livelihoods of many hundreds of far north coast residents are dependent upon tourism. The longer the situation goes on without any real positive and immediate action...the worse the social and economic problem becomes.....