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MANAGEMENT OF SHARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES WATERS

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The impact of the many shark events in recent months is seriously impacting my and my families lifestyle. We are all surfers and are now very uncomfortable in the water. We accept there have always been sharks and it is their environment but this is different. I believe it is not a single thing that has caused recent events but a combination of issues combining in a somewhat perfect storm. We need to find out why this is happening and then research way to deal with it. I am not comfortable with drum lines and nets but do completely understand where the call for this comes. We are a tourist town and rely on people coming here to holiday and so man eating sharks don't go down well. I would like to see money spent finding more environmentally friendly options to both keep the turtles and other marine life safe AND valuing human life and lifestyle at the same time.

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