

SUBMISSION NO.14
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The Committee Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Department of The House of Representatives

14th January, 2010.

Re: The Banning of Fishing for Mako Sharks in Australian Waters.

I strongly appose any Ban on Recreational Fishing for Mako Sharks and Porebeagle Sharks in Australian Waters since they were added to the CMS Act Appendix 11.

Being a Victorian fishing person, I frequently target Mako Sharks as they are one of the few Game Fish which are easily accessible here. I am also a responsible Member of three different Game Clubs and Tag and Release these magnificent fish – I don't kill them.

The EPBC Act which is being used to Ban Recreational fishing for Mako Sharks etc is inherently flawed as it does not differentiate between the two Appendix's of the CMS Act (Appendix 1 – Endangered Species Total Protection. Appendix 11 - Endangered Species Manage Fish Stocks). All it states is if a Species is Listed on the CMS Act it will be Banned regardless of which Appendix it is Listed under.

This Banning of Recreational Fishing for Mako's etc in Australia is being made with no consultation with affected Parties in Australia and also with no Scientific Proof.

In saying that the Cost of the Ban will be Minor with No Economic Loss is ridiculous as I may as well do all my fishing Overseas where there is no Ban and not spend any Holiday Money here in Australia. This will there-for effect the economics of the Tourist and Fishing Industry in Australia. The Fishing Industry in Victoria alone generates approx \$400 million dollars Annually.

If this Ban goes ahead then you have lost a Vote for the Labour Party at both Federal and State levels. If this costs the Labour Party an Election then it has cost YOU economically as well. So much for Minor Economical Impact.

Yours Sincerely,

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