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Dear Committee secretary,
Joint Standing committee on Treaties

As a recreational fisherman my family and I enjoy boating and  (Fishing) for many types of fish. Mostly catch and release with only the occasional fish coming home for dinner, I understand the labour government is about to introduce a act "epbc Act" banning  for types of sharks which are not under pressures in Southern waters the treaty was implemented for.

I am a conservationist and fully support bans on  for endangered white pointers, grey nurse and other endangered shark or other animal of fish species. I feel the ban is failing to look at facts here and act without consideration for our specific locations and species of sharks. I would appreciate if you could look at this issue urgently as I understand it will occur on 31 Jan 2010 unless action is take now.

The departments reasoning list international issues not an Australian problems. I would happily support research to understand if there is any reason for concerns. My discussion with other fishermen, marine biologist do not indicate our Australian stocks of mako and porbeagle sharks.

If I am mistaken and there is evidence Australian stocks of mako and porbeagle sharks are at risk of over fishing could you please provide some links to the evidence and research relating to our mako and porbeagle sharks not the Northern Hemisphere research data which seems to be the basis of the impending bans.

Regards

Mr James Bishop

14 January 2010