

**SUBMISSION NO.37**  
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To the secretary, joint standing committee on treaties,  
I'm writing to you regarding the EPBC act, and in particular the subsequent implementation of a no take policy placed on the shortfin mako shark.

In my opinion the two appendices in the CMS should be replicated in the EPBC act, thus catering for management to be put in place for the species that is relevant to the species within our region.. It is my understanding the shortfin mako which is prolific in the southern indo-pacific region was added to the CMS based on statistics from the northern hemisphere stocks which are proven to be not linked to our own, whilst all species should be managed responsibly, a no take policy placed on shortfin makos in Australia is totally unwarranted. As a recreational angler we learn to respect our fishery, a fishery which is already managed well through DPI Victoria. Over and above that, as a member of the Bass Strait Game Fishing Club, our governing body the Game Fishing Association of Victoria also has practices in place to restrict the take of makos, we also place thousands of scientific tags in makos throughout Australia. On my vessel Home Strait the expense of my own we targeted makos with Paul Rogers of SARDI on applied a satellite transmitting tag into a shark off SE South Australia, six months on it is still teaching us more about the species. We do give a damn! Makos are the most prolific game species in Victorian waters, placing a ban on the take of them would be detrimental to the 16 member clubs of the GFAV.

Your government has granted an exemption to commercial fishers who take more than the recreational sector any way. The recreational sector contributes 2.7 billion dollars annually to the Victorian economy, I could only guess the contribution nationally.

A no take policy placed on mako sharks in Australia is total overkill and a management policy would be sufficient to maintain the stocks of the species.

I have more concern with the nations that still support the finning of sharks, perhaps this would be a more productive area to focus on.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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