

**SUBMISSION NO.40**  
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Dear Minister of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts  
The Hon Peter Garrett,

I am a recreational fishing person who is upset by the proposed banning of Mako shark fishing in Australia,

I have been a member of the Drysdale Sport fishing Club for the past ten years and feel banning of Mako sharks and possibly other fish species latter on will stop me and my fellow fisher people from participating in this recreational hobby.

I feel the ban has been rushed through without public comment or consultation, or from what I have read there is no scientific data to back this decision up, As fishing regulations have been tightened up in the past ten years to make fish stocks more sustainable and this has worked well ( why chance it ?). I spend thousands of dollars each year to go fishing and if its not worth going fishing this will take a lot of money out of the economy ( Caravan Parks / Motels, Tackle Shops, Bait Shops, Petrol Stations, Boat and Trailer Rego, Boat Licences and of cause Fishing Licences. )

May I ask you how much will a piece of Flake be at a Fish and Chip shop ? Will you be able to buy Flake ?  
Will other countries around Australia be banning Mako Fishing ? If not why disseverance Australians ?

I will be looking to hear from you soon with your answers,  
Thank you  
David Cox

20 January 2010