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To The Committee Secretary,

I am writing to you to inform you of my disgust at the recent proposal to ban the fishing for and taking of Mako sharks in Australian waters. As Captain of the Torquay Angling Club this issue was only recently brought to my attention. It seems that once again the Government has chosen to railroad legislation under the cover of darkness. The lack of a consultation process in regards to this matter is quite disturbing, it seems that due democratic process has been omitted in the Governments haste to implement this legislation before the current EPBC act has been updated (As per the Hawke review). I personally invest a large amount of time and money to fish for these wonderful fish. The impact on the Victorian economy seems to have been overlooked in the haste to push this legislation through. Currently I am unaware of any scientific research which points towards these sharks being endangered in our waters. Current tag information seems to me to point towards a very healthy population of these fish in our waters and to the fact that our fish do not migrate to the Northern Hemisphere. Thank you for your time.

Alan Rushworth

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14 January 2010