

## PETA Statement on the shark cull in Western Australia

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Following the announcement that Western Australia killed more than 170 during its recent cull, please find a statement from PETA below:

Western Australia's policy of catching and killing great white sharks just shows that the biggest predators are not in the ocean but on land, and they walk on two legs. Sharks have been around longer than dinosaurs, and they play an essential role in our oceans. Killing so many of these magnificent animals as a knee-jerk solution to prevent shark attacks is not only bad ethics but also bad science, which is why every respected marine expert disapproves of "culling". Australian taxpayers' money would be better spent on increased surveillance, shark tagging, the development of shark deterrents, more research and better public education about avoiding incidents between sharks and humans. Unlike humans, sharks live in the ocean. If we know an area of water has had shark attacks, instead of going on a killing spree, we should just stay out of their house.

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