

PETITION IN RELATION TO: S.M.A.R.T Drumline Trial in Gracetown, Western Australia

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned are opposed to the S.M.A.R.T Drumline Trial expected to be implemented in January, 2019 in the town of Gracetown, Western Australia. We are opposed because:

There is no evidence that S.M.A.R.T Drumlines (SDLs) reduce risk overall, and there is concern that risk could be increased by attracting more sharks to areas that people use; West Australians do not want strategies that are potentially lethal; sharks are necessary for the health of our ocean environment and SDLs pose a threat to this; sharks are being inappropriately demonized, and; this trial could ultimately lead to an intentionally lethal campaign that would be costly to the environment and taxpayer without necessarily increasing safety.

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to recommend that the WA Government:

NOT proceed with the trial and seek reliable evidence from the NSW trials that SDLs increase safety *and* protect sharks before considering their use in WA; better promote evidence based shark repellents by offering higher rebates; trial other systems that do not risk the environment; install shark trauma medical kits at beaches; address the issues of whale carcasses, salmon, seals, and cray pots in attracting sharks; address the issue of lost revenue in communities temporarily affected by incidents by investing in new tourism ventures, and; do more to correct negative perceptions of sharks through education about their critical role in our environment, the small risk they pose to humans, and the need for personal responsibility of all ocean users.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Name	Full address	Signature