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Please find below additional quote to be tabled for Humane Society International:

On the issue of the use of Shark nets and drumlines in the states of New South Wales (NSW) and Queensland to cull sharks at beaches, Sir Richard Branson, Founder of the Virgin Group and Ocean advocate said, “Killing sharks for behaving like sharks makes no sense. We need to learn how to live safely with sharks, rather than killing them. We need to adopt non-lethal control methods including public education campaigns so that people understand when interactions with sharks may be at a peak, and aerial spotting and shark spotter programs. By removing sharks from ecosystems, the natural food web is broken which damages ecosystem health, undermines food security, hurts the health of the ocean and reduces tourism dollars too. “

Kind regards,

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