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Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

What are the possible impacts on the wider marine environment and other species of shark drumlines in general, and of this particular so called ‘smart’ drumline?

Answer:

The Department of the Environment and Energy assesses impacts of proposals that are referred under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. No referrals have been made for shark drum lines.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries’ letter of 6 October 2016, tabled at Supplementary Budget Estimates on 21 October 2016, sets out that the trial of SMART drum lines has resulted in release all of captured species alive, both target and non-target, and that these results demonstrate that the trial is unlikely to be having a significant impact on nationally protected matters.