

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Topic: Shark Nets Trial – EPBC Act
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Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter asked:

Will the net trial be assessed as an activity under Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)? If not, how will it be assessed?

Answer:

The national interest exemption was granted under section 158 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. Questions relating to assessment of the trial under the NSW legislative process are more appropriately asked of the NSW Government.