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MINISTER TO HOST SHARK FORUM ON NORTH COAST

NSW Primary Industries Minister Niall Blair will host a public meeting on the state's North Coast this week to provide the community with the most up to date information on bather protection and shark attack mitigation measures underway across the region.

The forum will be held this Friday, 16 October at Lennox Head Public School at 6pm.

"I know, right up and down the coast communities are concerned about the number of shark interactions – that's why we are determined to see trials of emerging deterrent technologies on the North Coast this summer," Mr Blair said.

"This forum will provide the community with the opportunity to hear first-hand from our experts what some of those technologies could be as well as providing an update on the tagging program that is currently underway on the North Coast."

The North Coast Shark Forum follows the successful 2015 NSW Shark Summit held in Sydney last month, which brought together 70 delegates from around the world, including international shark experts.

The Summit discussed an independent review into emerging shark deterrent technologies to determine if any of the technologies would be suitable to trial along NSW beaches.

The North Coast Shark Forum will help educate the public and address any concerns from the community about bather protection and shark attack mitigation measures.

Representatives from the Ballina Shark Mitigation Advisory Panel will also be present, including NSW Police and SLSA.

The community will be invited to ask the team of experts questions about shark attack mitigation measures and bather protection.

The North Coast Shark Forum will be held from 6pm - 7.30pm at the Lennox Head Public School Hall (Byron Street, Lennox Head) on Friday, October 16 2015.