

ELLEN COVE SWIMMING ENCLOSURE

The Aquarius Barrier is currently being trialled at Ellen Cove for a period of 3 years. After early teething problems, the barrier was repaired in April and has since endured many severe winter storm events without issue.



Q: Can people get caught in the barrier?

A: There have been no swimmer safety incidents. The barrier is designed in accordance with the Australian standards for playground equipment.



Q: Does it trap marine animals?

A: There has been no bycatch recorded. The Aquarius Barrier is an eco-friendly shark barrier that is designed to avoid marine animal entrapment.



Q: Who is responsible for the barrier?

A: Global Marine Enclosures are 100% responsible for the ongoing performance of the barrier and repairing any damage that may occur.



Q: Who looks after the barrier?

A: Local company South Coast Diving Services monitor the barrier twice a week and perform a scheduled maintenance service monthly.



Q: How does the seagrass affect the barrier?

A: The seagrass is mostly thin leaf and has been passing through the barrier without issue. In fact, this movement has been cleaning the barrier.



Q: What happens when a storm is forecast?

A: The Aquarius Barrier is designed to withstand severe winter storms. The barrier can be lowered in an extreme situation by removing the floats.



Q: Are there gaps in the barrier?

A: No, the red float gaps are specifically for the Albany SLSC to access the enclosure, there are no gaps in the actual barrier.



Sharks are an important part of healthy oceans.

As an apex predator, sharks regulate marine populations, balancing the ecosystem. The Aquarius Barrier is a non-lethal measure of shark protection that leaves sharks alone in their environment.