

## Safer Waterways Bill 2017 Surf Life Saving Queensland's Submission

- In relation to crocodile management there is a very good working relationship between SLSQ and QPW personnel in North Queensland
- Community safety is paramount and SLSQ's key focus
- All crocodiles to be removed from beaches and public access waterways. Problem crocodiles to be removed from all other locations
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- SLSQ continues to support, has input to and delivers the croc wise information to communities and schools throughout Northern Queensland
- Families are frightened to go to the beach in their local areas
- Tourism and visitations effected by the hype and threat of crocodile attacks
- Waterways where the public go to be safe from marine stingers can no longer feel safe in well known natural swimming locations ie Crystal Cascades
- SLSQ Lifeguards/ Lifesavers to be utilised more for croc watch and croc siting reports to key Government Departments
- SLSQ to further develop our State Coordination Centre to capture and disseminate crocodile information similar to shark data
- State Government to work closer with SLSQ to put in place aerial surveillance in Cairns Region
- SLSQ to work with QPWS to ensure appropriate warning signage is in place at popular swimming locations via SLSQ auditing program
- SLSQ can provide further waterways and coastal croc watch surveillance if requested/ required to do so
- State Government to remove crocodile nest eggs in high public visitation/ populated areas, similar to Northern Territory
- Queensland Government to consider the development and opening of a traditional Queensland Indigenous managed crocodile farm centrally located in North Queensland to create and enhance tourism, conservation, holding yard, employment, income and public awareness
- Queensland Government to ensure SLSQ is fully engaged with the croc wise program both locally and at state departmental level – similar to Disaster Management, Marine Safety, QFES and Sport & Rec relationships

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# QUEENSLAND CROCODILE & SHARK ATTACKS 2007-2017



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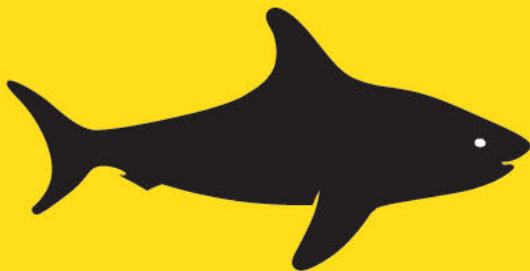
ATTACKS

**5**

FATAL

**35%**

FATAL 2007-17



**23**

ATTACKS

**2**

FATAL

**8%**

FATAL 2007-17

## CROCODILE ATTACKS (10 YEARS IN REVIEW)

YEAR	ATTACK LOCATION	FATAL/ NON-FATAL
2007	Unkown	Non-fatal
	Mr Adolphus Island	Non-fatal
2008	False Pera Heads near Weipa	Non-fatal
	Endeavour River Escape	Fatal
2009	Watsons Bay on Lizard Island	Non-fatal
	Daintree River	Fatal
2011	Bushie Inlet, Cairns Cross Island	Fatal
	Beening Creek, Weipa	Non-fatal
	Trunding Creek, Weipa	Non-fatal
2015	Port Douglas Golf Club	Non-fatal
	Lizard Island	Non-fatal
2016	Thornton Beach	Fatal
2017	Johnston River, Innisfail	Non-fatal
	Palmer Point, Innisfail	Fatal

## SHARK ATTACKS (10 YEARS IN REVIEW)

YEAR	ATTACK LOCATION	FATAL/ NON-FATAL
2007	Cairns, Holmes Reef north of Cairns	Non-fatal
	Broadwater, Gold Coast	Non-fatal
2008	Greenmount Beach, Coolangatta	Non-fatal
2009	Osprey Reef	Non-fatal
	Heron Island, Lamont Reef	Non-fatal
2010	Thursday Island, Torre Strait	Non-fatal
	Dent Island, Whitsunday Islands	Non-fatal
2011	Challenger Bay, Palm Island	Fatal
	Peregain Beach	Non-fatal
2012	Nobbys Beach, Gold Coast	Non-fatal
2013	Noosa Heads	Non-fatal
	Gold Coast	Non-fatal
2014	Chevron Island, Nerang River	Non-fatal
	Rudder Reef, Port Douglas	Fatal
2015	Russell Island, Frankland Islands	Non-fatal
2016	Miall Island, Yeppoon	Non-fatal
	Heron Island	Non-fatal
	Caloundra	Non-fatal
2017	Whitehaven Beach, Whitsunday Islands	Non-fatal
	Kings Beach, Sunshine Coast	Non-fatal
	Flaggy Rock	Non-fatal
2017	Murry Island, Torres Strait, (80km East)	Non-fatal
	Hinchinbrook Island	Non-fatal



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