



**HINCHINBROOK
SHIRE COUNCIL**

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Agriculture and Environment Committee
Queensland Parliamentary Service
Parliament House
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BRISBANE QLD 4000

By email – aec@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Sir

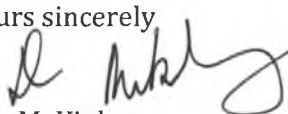
Inquiry into the Safe Waterways Bill 2017

I write to you to advise that Hinchinbrook Shire Council would like to add its support to the establishment of a Queensland Crocodile Authority to be located in Cairns, and for the appointment of the authority's Director by the Legislative Assembly.

In addition to managing the authority's affairs, Council also supports the functions of the Director specified in the Bill to:

- take measures to minimise injuries and deaths caused by crocodiles in the State
- coordinate research and surveying of crocodiles and crocodile eggs
- make recommendations to Parliament about crocodile management
- declare and manage crocodile reserves, and authorise persons to farm crocodiles
- decide the number of crocodile eggs that may be harvested each year
- decide the number of crocodiles that may be culled, and authorise persons to carry out the culling
- ensure the prompt management of rogue crocodiles
- authorise persons to otherwise display, interact with, keep, take or use crocodiles or crocodile eggs
- ensure carcasses of crocodiles that are authorised to be killed are dealt with so that, as far as possible, no part of a carcass is wasted
- refer offences related to crocodiles and crocodile eggs to the police service.

Yours sincerely


Dan McKinlay
Chief Executive Officer