

## **Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2024**

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To the Department of Environment, Science, and Innovation,

RE: Public Consultation Draft Review of the Queensland Crocodile Management Plan

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_ Steven Diehm \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:

- landholder
- recreational participant
- parent of a recreational river user
- volunteer of a recreational club
- member of school sport organisation
- member of public who'd use the river if crocodile management was stronger.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent # 5 (number of people) who participate the following activity upstream of the Fitzroy River:

- Farming
- Canoeing
- Rowing
- Water Skiing
- Swimming
- Dragon Boating
- Fishing
- Kayaking
- Surf lifesaving.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

For the new & updated Queensland Crocodile Management Plan for Rockhampton, I want an "Active Removal Zone" implemented upstream of the Fitzroy River Barrage because it will yield the following benefits for the Rockhampton Community:

- Grow Sport & recreational participation.
- Local Tourism will benefit.
- Local Businesses will benefit.
- It will boost the local economy.
- More People will feel safer to use Rockhampton's Greatest Natural resource (The Fitzroy River, Rockhampton)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Further Comments: *I have lived in Rockhampton for my entire life and am 45 years old. Waterskiing has been a generational sport for my family. I was introduced to skiing on the Fitzroy river as a young child and have spent many many hours enjoying skiing and social family activity on and around the Fitzroy river. I have held several volunteer roles in the Rockhampton Water ski club and Waterski Qld over 20 years. I have 3 teenage children who have also been raised on skiing in the river. In recent times the risk of crocodile interaction has increased to dangerous levels and for the first time in all my years on the river I have decided it is no longer safe for my family to be in the water. This is a devastating outcome to have lost the ability to continue our family sport and spend time with close friends around one of the most beautiful natural waterways in the country. I am not screaming for uncontrolled culling. I am asking that we find a sensible solution to allow the Fresh water city region to be utilised to its for potential allowing all users to be and feel safe. This is a wonderful region with a community ready to flourish on outdoor family activity if we can be given the opportunity to do so. The numbers of these animals have increased due to a lack of management over the past 20 years. We have an opportunity now to get this management right and ensure this region and the community who lives here can make the most of this beautiful asset. I am asking to please stop, help, consider and plan together with the community to bring back SAFE access to an amazing waterway!*

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