

Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2024

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There are some key logic failures in this proposed Bill. All adult crocodiles are potentially dangerous to humans. Many humans are dangerous to crocodiles due to poor education and poor decision making. A Bill that proposes the killing of, commercial use of or control of crocodiles without a clear basis in science is likely to have unintended (or perhaps intended) and devastating consequences to the environment and to crocodile populations. Given the cruelty and slaughter of crocodiles that goes on in some areas of Queensland with no justice, for example the murder of Lizzie in the Daintree River and the impacts of the extreme flooding in the region on nests, I don't think we need more poor policy and misinformed programs. I wonder if the member proposing these changes engaged with the people who work with crocodiles and recently met in the Northern Territory to develop this Bill. I doubt it. I understand that people are very upset and scared and that lives are impacted forever when crocodiles and humans or their animals interact whether that interaction results in death or serious injury or not but killing crocodiles is not the answer. There may be some merit to some of the proposals in the Bill but this is not the format. A Bill proposing growing the knowledge about crocodiles, including management of human/crocodile interactions in the Queensland public service is the sort of regulatory reform I would support. This Bill is not fit for legislation in the current form.