

Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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After 28 years of operations here in the Whitsundays, we have noticed a significant increase in crocodile sightings along our mainland, in marinas, and even out amongst the Islands. Being responsible for guests snorkelling around the Whitsunday Islands feels risky with the presence of crocodiles in the water. Essentially, there is little you can do to protect yourself or your guests from a crocodile on land or in the ocean. We live and work in a tourist town where one in three jobs is in tourism, and if we have an incident with a crocodile, it could impact our entire region. Crocodiles in Queensland are not endangered, as their numbers exceed 100,000. Personally, I think the Northern Territory has a good approach to crocodiles and croc farming. Another consideration is that they are territorial and will continue to move down the coast to find new territory, which means they will be in South-East Queensland in more significant numbers in the coming years. Please do not wait for someone to lose a limb or their life before taking action.