

Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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We have been operating at Cape Tribulation since 2008 and did not see crocodiles on the beaches until 2012. Since then, the population has grown incredibly, with daily sightings of large crocodiles on the beach and swimming along the shoreline. We have had to adapt our operations to include croc surveillance to protect the public and our guests, but due to their ability to camouflage it is an ongoing risk. Locals have to warn travelers not to swim off the beach every day. A woman lost her life to a large crocodile at Thorntons Beach about five years ago. I believe that crocodiles in Qld are not endangered as their numbers are over 100,000 and growing at an alarming rate. Here in far North Queensland, the crocodiles have been eating feral pigs instead of fish and turtles, and it seems they are growing faster than before. People, including locals and visitors, need protection from these animals. I believe the Northern Territory has demonstrated that combining farming and removing dangerous crocodiles is effective. I recently spotted a crocodile in 1770 and have seen them previously in Tanun Sands, so they are becoming more prevalent in Southeast Qld. The government has to do something about protecting people from crocodile attacks, especially in tourist and popular beach areas, or there will be more deaths.