

Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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The proposed bill in no way reflects a contemporary approach to cohabiting with nature. It still regards crocodiles as being only either a danger to humans or a financial benefit. Crocodiles are an important apex predator in the Tropical North of Queensland and as such play a significant role in a healthy aquatic and marine biodiversity. One observable detrimental impact, reported by crocodile tourism operators who observe these animals on a daily basis, of the current practice of removing crocodiles greater than a certain size is that these animals are socially dominant and their removal destabilises the demographics of the crocodile population. The absence of a large, mature, alpha-male crocodile increases competition for territory and mates among the younger males and may actually increase crocodile activity in an area of habitat rather than reduce it. I totally oppose the intent and content of this bill and believe the most effective way of managing human/crocodile interactions is through education and information programs that influence human behaviour around crocodiles. After all one species is supposedly intelligent and the other a wild animal.