

Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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As a human being and a fauna and flora enthusiast I cannot understand why instead of trying to control and kill, we don't simply put that same amount of effort and resources into education and research. Crocodiles have their place in the food chain and humans must learn to simply co-exist. If crocodiles disappear completely, what happens then? It is so easy to eradicate without considering the consequences and there are ample examples of that throughout history, very recent too, on how that has fared for the control of other species. Australia has a duty to care for all its inhabitants, especially its wildlife. Crocodiles have been around for so much longer than humans have and they definitely deserve to be researched more than they deserve to be killed. Education above eradication. There is a place for crocodiles and humans. Human behaviour must be managed, not the crocodile population. Learning that roughly about 1 in 100 crocodiles survive their first year of life was mind blowing to me. They do have natural predators, especially during their first years of life. It shows their population has only marginally increased over the years since they were nearly extinct in the early seventies due to the culling imposed by humans. We must do better than the approach this bill is proposing.