

Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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I wish to put forth my belief in the negative impacts of this Bill. Research dictates that removal of Estuarine Crocodiles has not and does not prevent attacks on people. There are statistically just as few attacks on people in the current year as there were when Crocodile populations were nearly decimated by hunting until the 1970s. They are an apex predator, serving an important role in their prospective ecosystems. They are a huge tourist draw. More than that, they're a native species that deserves its space. Education, not eradication is the best tool to prevent altercations between people and Crocodiles. Emotional contrast allows many people to unfortunately favour the destruction of individuals or a species due to ignorance. Crocodiles are deserving of proper conduct as much as any other animal-Koalas, Dogs etc. As a north Queensland resident I personally live nearby these creatures and find their removal/relocation and/or destruction to be abysmal. I do not believe this bill will lead to better outcomes for the public, and may end in a false sense of security. I ask that this bill be withdrawn and further discussion with experts be taken. Thank you.