

## Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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### Submitter Comments:

I have spent my entire life in croc country, 56 years . The earlier childhood up cape york and later in Cairns and Daintree area. I have brought a family in croc country. We go to the beach regularly, swim ,camp and enjoy this beautiful country. I have taught my now grown up children to always be croc wise and I a proud that we are . We have lost a few swimming areas but that's small price to pay for coexisting with a native animal. We are aware that these animals were here before us and that for 65000 they coexisted with FNP. It was with no pride that unregulated hunting almost wiped out these animals. As a child in cape york these animals were called Piccu and where I currently live they are called Bilngkumu . As I child I heard many stories about Piccu and they were called "travellers " and they carried the spirit of the elders that had passed on . We did take eggs for the old people but never was Piccu disrespected. When I moved to Daintree area we took this respect with us and I have instilled it in my children . We are very proud to live alongside these animals.I work in the tourism industry for 20 years and speak to many local, national and international tourists and they are all in awe of these animals. Many have told me the come specifically to these area just in hope to get a glimpse of what they call a living dinosaur. It is with such pride that we show case these area.These days conservation and coexistence is an important part of the young generation and again we are proud to showcase this . I have been to local meetings about these animals and am aware that they are greatly misunderstood. The media is very guilty for pushing this narrative. The government croc wise education program has always been something I recommend to visitors and locals, it gives a lot of insight and information on how to stay safe in croc country.I was very disappointed to hear about this bill that is promoting safety through killing which goes against every thing I believe. I am aware that culling doesn't increase safety as I know myself how well these animals can hide . I feel the Bill is pushing a dangerous idea to the public and a false sense of security and that's a real concern. The bill is giving mixed message and saying they believe in conservation, which there is no where in the bill that supports that. The bill will kill the visible crocs and the other crocs will soon learn to hide . I have always taught my family it's the croc you don't see that's very dangerous. The bill will create an environment of complacency. It will also destroy our reputation up here as a nature based destination that loves and cares for our wildlife. As I said people are always commenting with such excitement on our crocs and our ability to live alongside them . This will be a big shame in the eyes of the world and there is no science behind it. The bill should be encouraging education not eradication. I was please to learn of new laws that the government introduced to stop fish scraps at boat ramps as I did see that as a big problem. Again that's very proactive and I support that. The bill should be supporting this type of initiatives. I reject in it's entirety