

Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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I believe that crocodiles are breeding out of control up and down the coast of Qld. I have had a few encounters with them in the past 40 years. They do seem to be losing the fear of man and are becoming bolder. I have had crab pots destroyed by them, had them pop up near the back of our moored boat and even been chased through the mangroves by one. The last one was a pretty close call. It's the ones you don't see that really concern me. When the senses start sending danger signals off up the back of your neck but you can't see anything I leave in a rush. The feeling that something is watching you isn't something I don't enjoy at all. It is enough to give you nightmares. As an avid fisherman, I am wary of being too close to the water when fishing, especially when launching my boat or collecting bait. I do believe the crocodile population is large enough to wild harvest the larger specimens and make a boutique industry from them. Any crocodile above 1.5m has the potential to be a man eater and should be seen in that light. Just as a matter of safety for people interacting with the environment this should be considered. We harvest other species and I believe we should do the same with crocodiles to bring the threat to humans down.