

Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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I wish to make the following statement in support of our amazing crocodiles. They have been unchanged since the time of the dinosaurs. They are intelligent, complex creatures. The females are gentle attentive mothers, caring for their offspring for many weeks after hatching. They have complex social structures and are territorial. Removing a resident croc from his territory does not make that territory safe. If a dominant male is removed, another will take his place. Often younger, less experienced and being unfamiliar with the surroundings of that territory, he will pose a greater risk. Culling is not the answer. It has never been a solution except for feral species. The solution is education. Humans have no more rights than our iconic native species. It is always the humans who cause the problem, eg ignoring warning signs, throwing fish waste into water. But it is the crocs who ultimately pay the price. Please introduce protection for these wonderful animals and education programs to keep them and people safe.