

## Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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Please note this is a quick draft as i note we only learnt about this on April 2nd I was born in 1961 and grew up on a farm in the Innisfail region in about 1970 my elder sister warned me about the government preventing culling of crocodiles we lived right next to the north Johnson river and enjoyed the freedom of fishing from the riverbank and canoeing on adventures in the safe river at those times there was no crocodiles however eventually after 10 or so years we suspected that they're crocodiles and sure enough on New Year's Day in about 1983 several young children on the side of the river we're going down for a swim when a crocodile took their pet dog my father warned me that at some point that would be the case making one of the children but fortunately Oh well unfortunately for the dog he was the victim in that case the way I see it now living in the Burdekin region we a very vigilant because of the crocodiles in the many creeks an areas that we visit we are not far away from some child being taken off the bank or the or the beach at this time if a child is taken they will be a mass calling of these crocodiles without the authorities being involved and so I suggest strongly that you sort out the problem with crocodiles back to where I lived in Innisfail one of the places we would visit later with our children would be a place known as the golden hole which is up near Miriwinni we taught our kids to swim in that that place and my son pointed out on a recent visit a photograph to say that you can no longer swim in that area this should be a great shame to all people in this state that now we are restricted and if you say we should be able to swim in the swimming pool while you are fools I asked that old crocodiles below a certain length I've taken away from areas that we the people could swim safely without fear of being savagely attacked this may not mean anything to a city folk however the reality of it is we are not all living in the city and outdoor activities are what we do for the good of our children and grandchildren, I would put up area below Cooktown limit especially around communities where there are some huge crocodiles lurking waiting for a helpless child to stand near the bank if you do not understand that a crocodile hunts boy stealth and any farm person running cattle in these areas know this so some unsuspecting child from the city visiting their country cousins could go and stand near the bank and be eaten live by a crocodile that's when the city folk will understand what it means to live in an area where crocodiles were cold history books show crocodiles an enormous crocodiles where cold out of the river because they were killing citizens of the community going about their daily activities our state and its legislation is out of control and it's time the people on the committee understand that we in the country have had enough of your non caring idea I attended a youth crime committee in Townsville several years ago to which there was a committee from Brisbane and I understood after that meeting that the people on these committees ah not in touch with the community so if you think in some way that you all elite to our community we from the country have had enough