

## Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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The long-term, large scale culling of crocodiles is necessary for public health and safety reasons. These include preventing physical crocodile attacks upon persons, or animals, as well as protecting waterways, soil, food and plants from the parasites that crocodiles carry. The latter reason necessitates a major and permanent cull of most crocodiles in Australia. Culling is also necessary to restore the biodiversity and to enable other species to recover. Additionally, culling will restore safer business and recreational pursuits. Australians must remember that crocodile habitat extends beyond Australia, along the entire PNG coastline, as well as throughout all of SE Asia, southern China, India and elsewhere. Consequently, crocodiles are not likely to become an endangered species. Australia made the management mistake in 1973 AD, of failing to acknowledge the wider territorial existence of salt water crocodiles. If they had done so, they would not have ceased culling them, because new crocodiles from elsewhere would have simply moved into Australian territories to replace any empty territory.