


Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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I am born and breed in croc country. I am 19 years old , I am the youth of today and we are the future of tomorrow . I grew up in croc country with no worries, I could swim, fish and camp , we just were careful. As a child in primary school I spoke at Youth Parliament and spoke up against culling all those years ago . And now I work and am at university and doing it again . My best friend as a child was taken by a crocodile and yet his parents didn't want crocs killed , they believed in education . They understood that killing crocs won't bring their child back and won't make anyone safer , but education will . I have also lost a friend to suicide , unfortunately we can't stop all tragedies. But we can help to minimise them with education. I believe in education that's why I am going to university. This bill seems to think Queenslanders can't be educated, it thinks we are fools. We have the croc wise website by the government and it tells us how to be safe in croc country. It's not that hard at all . I am proud to have been born and still live in croc country where we live side by side with the wild . Crocs are part of our FNQ culture, I used to catch a bus to school and over the bridge we all looked out for the old man croc that lived there . He was called Howard . I have travelled overseas to Japan and Vietnam and they were excited to hear that we have crocs just down the road . They think highly of our country and they way we coexist. As a youth of day conservation is important to me . We have been left with a legacy of extinctions from previous generations and there's no pride in that and some of the other dark parts of history such as our treatment of FNP no pride there either . This bill is like from the dark ages where we shoot and kill what we don't understand, where we dominate nature , ignorance breeds fear and fear breeds hate . But we aren't ignorant today , we understand and believe in education. Just like when I learnt to drive and had to learn the road rules , I have always been taught how to live alongside a predator. The bill thinks Queenslanders can't learn . Its embarrassing. There is nothing in this bill that brings me any pride i reject it all.