

## Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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I would like to comment on the safety within waterways in and around regional areas. Places that were once safe to access and use have now become populated with Crocodiles due to the nature of the event of crocodiles defending for habitats within the environment hence pushing crocodiles into new areas. Private drains and waterways that have access to Rivers and creeks have now become the safe areas for crocodiles to move into and take up residence. Local farmers whom have had access to pumps and irrigation systems in areas are now mindful because of the increase in crocodiles and pushing further up River systems and now eventually into drains and waterways on private property. River systems within these areas have become quite over populated and this has pushed the crocodiles into areas that were once safe for people and children to freely access. The once ideal Australian way of being able to go for a walk along the beach with your dog and throw a stick in the water for your dog to retrieve has now become a memory. Crocodiles are ever so present in these highly populated areas and it now just seems that crocodiles have over populated and continue to increase in numbers and are constantly outgrowing their natural habitat. People no longer feel safe to access public waterways whether it be creeks on Private or Public land that were once safe to access. Beaches along the North Queensland coastline and are seen as tourist destinations are now covered with signs exposing tourists the risks and dangers of crocodiles that are in our waterways. The rise in numbers of crocodile sightings and frequency in these areas that were once safe places for humans to visit and have safe access to shows that we have a issue that needs addressing