

Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025 (Bill). I observe the Bill if passed would allow the Director of the established Queensland Crocodile Authority to authorise any adult to •Harvest crocodile eggs, if the adult has completed an, unparticularised, 'egg harvesting safety course'. •Kill a crocodile or 'crocodiles generally', if the Director reasonably believes the adult has the 'skills and training to safely kill crocodiles' The Bill undermines the purpose and import of •the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Qld) (NCA), under which the crocodile is a listed vulnerable species and taking or killing a saltwater crocodile is, unless authorised in controlled circumstances, an offence; and •the Nature Conservation (Estuarine Crocodiles) Conservation Plan 2018, under which the conditions around granting a licence require consideration of the ecological impact of any harvesting activity. The Bill misuses 'conservation' to describe its object of merely preserving of crocodiles' existence for farming and other commercial exploits, without recognition of quality of life or true conservation. The language of the secondary materials to the Bill, citing waterways 'infested with crocodiles' and the impact upon clubs after 'crocodiles drove their members away', demonstrates the Bill's misinformed and archaic policy position premise that demonises a native species previous legislative standards have appropriately sought to protect. I would urge the Committee to reject the passing of the Bill.