

Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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Dear Dr Rutherford

RE: Submission to: Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025.

Whitsunday Regional Council has reviewed the proposed "*Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025*". It is understood that the proposed Bill is being considered by the Queensland Health, Environment and Innovation Committee for detailed consideration.

Whitsunday Regional Council has the following comments to provide as part of its submission:

- It supports the establishment of a Crocodile Authority to oversee the management of crocodile populations and assist with the assessment of crocodile hazard and risk in and near human settlements and waterways.
- Considers that the functions of the Director outlined in s10 seems reasonable to strike a balance between protecting the crocodile as a species and protecting humans in populated settlements and waterways.
- The composition of the committee under s14 appears reasonable
- Council supports section 19:
 - 19 Declaration of populated waterways
 - (1) The director may, by gazette notice, declare a stated waterway as a populated waterway for the purposes of:
 - (a) protecting members of the public from the risk of harm from crocodiles; and
 - (b) allowing a person authorised to kill or remove a crocodile to:
 - (i) kill the crocodile; or
 - (ii) relocate the crocodile to - (a) a crocodile sanctuary; or (b) an area used for the purpose of farming crocodiles operated by a person authorised to farm crocodiles.

If you require further information regarding this letter, please contact Councils Natural Resource Management and Climate work unit on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

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