

Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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Dear Committee,

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It's Sunday. The sunrise lights the beginning of a new day. You head to one of your favourite parts of the river.

The waters have a gentle flow here. The soft, sandy riverbank eases in from between the mangroves. Birds rest on the overhanging branches welcoming the warm glow the sun brings with their lively songs.

You love it here. You have visited this spot your whole life. You even brought your kids here for their first swim. They practically grew up in this very spot. It means the world to you.

As you lay peacefully soaking in the sun's rays, you gaze with wonder as fish swim by, mudskippers search the edge of the water, crabs scuttle out of their burrows, birds soar overhead and frogs blend in to the green leaves with such skill and patience. Although you share it with other creatures, it feels like your own little paradise.

Suddenly, an unprovoked attack. You feel immediate pain in your leg and up the whole right side of your body. Immense fear runs through you. How did a lovely day on the river change so quickly? You realise you are unable to move. Your wounds are just the beginning of this nightmare. You are rolled. You are trapped. You fight for each breath. But there is no escape.

Just because you wanted to spend the day in a lovely part of where you live. Because of your eye colour. Because of your stature. Because of your skin colour. Because of your body shape. Because someone didn't like the way you looked.

All because, you're a saltwater crocodile.

Change the narrative.

Educate not eradicate.

Reject the Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025.

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