

Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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[REDACTED] 2nd April 2025 Submission on the Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025 I am writing to submit my concerns regarding the Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025 because I believe this Bill raises significant issues that need to be addressed. I implore the Committee to reject the Bill for the following reasons: Conflict with International and Commonwealth Law: The Bill may violate Australia's international obligations and federal laws, especially regarding the regulation of crocodile trade under CITES and the EPBC Act. Conflict with State Law: The Bill overrides current Queensland frameworks for crocodile management, risking unsustainable harvesting and culling practices. Negative Impact on First Nations Peoples: The unrestricted killing of crocodiles could infringe on the cultural and spiritual rights of First Nations communities, which is contrary to the Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld). Ecological and Social Concerns: Large-scale killing of crocodiles could have detrimental effects on ecosystems, and the Bill lacks necessary safeguards to prevent unqualified management of crocodiles. This Bill contradicts existing legislative frameworks and may increase the risks of crocodile-human interactions, rather than reduce them. I urge the Committee to reject the Bill in its entirety. Yours sincerely, James Waterston