

## Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025

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I wholly support any action that mitigates attacks by crocodiles in any waterway or circumstance.

International perception of the 'crocodile danger in Australia' is the essence of my submission. Unfortunately, mainstream and Social-media coverage (whether for popularity or financial gain) has resulted the relatively small number of (tragic) crocodile attacks in the past 6 months. has been amplified and sensationalized. THE POINT. From among many overseas friends, there has been an unusual number of them express what in their perception is a rational concern about the 'dangers of swimming anywhere in Australia' apparently meaning anywhere that sounds 'tropical'. Knowing those friends as I do their comments were sober and not at all 'sensationalist': By whatever means or cause, they had come to believe a crocodile danger was widespread, ever-present and something to include in planning activities in their visits to Australia. I have a widespread experience of swimming in a large number of locations in Northern Territory, North West of Western Australia and many inland northern rivers and whilst I have seen endless numbers of crocodiles in rivers and on riverbanks I have never seen one in any location in which I was swimming. I have never known anyone over more than 50 years that has either. My hope is that the proposed controls, management and mitigation of crocodile activities and habitats could be widely promoted - not because they are considered some savage uncontrollable predator but as a unique Australian animal that would be closer to a natural existence through permanent separation from humans increasing the safety of both species.: African animals, including

herbivores are responsible for many fatalities but international tourists are given to believe the threats such animals pose is under complete control. Hopefully we will over time give the same reassurances about Australia's unique wildlife. On a lighter note we could also reassure people that not all kangaroos attack people to box with them. I thank the committee for any consideration of these perceptions and wish you well in legislating the matter.