

## **Inquiry into Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025**

<b>Submission No:</b>	175
<b>Submitted by:</b>	Mareeba Shire Council
<b>Publication:</b>	Making the submission and your name public
<b>Attachments:</b>	
<b>Submitter Comments:</b>	



# Mareeba

## SHIRE COUNCIL

65 Rankin Street  
PO Box 154 MAREEBA QLD 4880

P: 1300 308 461  
F: 07 4092 3323

W: [www.msc.qld.gov.au](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au)  
E: [info@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@msc.qld.gov.au)

Council Ref: GRE-ADV-JF

23 May 2025

Dr Jodhi Rutherford PhD, LLM, LLB(Hons), BA(Hons)  
Committee Secretary  
Health, Environment and Innovation Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000

Sent via email:

Dear Dr Rutherford,

### **Request to Attend and Speak at Public Hearing – Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025**

I write to formally request the opportunity to attend and speak at the public hearing scheduled for 11 June 2025 in relation to the Crocodile Control and Conservation Bill 2025, currently under consideration by the Health, Environment and Innovation Committee.

As a Councillor for the Mareeba Shire, I have been approached by many concerned residents regarding the increasing presence of crocodiles in our region—particularly in farm dams on private agricultural properties. These concerns include significant delays in the execution of crocodile removal orders, even after threats have been formally identified and reported.

These incursions pose not only a significant threat to human safety but also to the productivity and wellbeing of our agricultural community. Farmers are finding crocodiles in water sources used for irrigation and livestock, putting lives at risk for workers and impacting day-to-day operations. Despite formal reports and removal orders being lodged, the delays in action are causing considerable distress and uncertainty for property owners.

After raising these matters with Mr Shane Knuth MP, Member for Hill, I believe it is vital that the experiences and concerns of our community are represented and heard in the parliamentary process. I would welcome the opportunity to provide a local government perspective and share case examples from Mareeba Shire that underscore the need for a more responsive and effective crocodile management framework.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information to support this submission.

Yours sincerely

Cr Lenore Wyatt  
Mareeba Shire Council