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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil

Thank you for your email of 16 September 2025 regarding Parliamentary Petition No's. 4259-25 and 4297-25 concerning the management of saltwater (estuarine) crocodiles in the upper reaches of the Barron and Mitchell river systems around Mareeba and the protection of public safety.

The Crisafulli Government will always put human safety first. That is why I am currently reviewing and considering improvements to the Queensland Crocodile Management Plan, to ensure that it remains fit-for-purpose and meets regional community expectations. Appropriate zonings for waterways in the broader Mareeba district will be considered during that process.

The Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (the department) investigates every crocodile sighting report received, and any crocodiles displaying dangerous behaviour or assessed as posing a threat to public safety are targeted for removal, regardless of their location.

I encourage petitioners and all members of the public to report crocodile sightings as soon as possible after any sighting. Reports can be submitted through the QWildlife app, by calling 1300 130 372 or completing a crocodile sighting report. Information and links are available on the department's website at <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/animals/living-with/crocodiles/crocodile-sightings/report-a-crocodile>.

I trust that this information has been of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Powell MP
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