1. In 2013, Crocodile Management Plans (CMPs) in four North Queensland council areas were implemented. These programs focused on crocodile removal to a greater spatial extent than previously specified. However, these changes were not underpinned by science to indicate whether more intensive removal would achieve meaningful improvements in public safety, or whether the removals would pose threats to the viability of crocodile populations.
2. The Government has established a three year crocodile survey and monitoring program to gain a better scientific understanding of Queensland’s crocodile population.
3. In addition, there has been community consultation on crocodile management arrangements. A public survey of 1,900 respondents supports a balanced approach between conservation and public safety. Face-to-face consultation with local governments in North Queensland indicated a high level of support for the current crocodile management arrangements. The consultation also highlighted the strong support for the current “Crocwise” program but noted it needs to be rejuvenated and expanded.
4. As a result, the Government will consolidate the range of existing local plans and policies into a more comprehensive and standardised Queensland Crocodile Management Plan. The creation of a new Queensland Crocodile Management Plan will be complemented by an updated education and communication program.
5. Cabinet noted the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection had undertaken community consultation to better understand community views about crocodile removal policies and had begun a three year program of survey and monitoring to better understand crocodile populations.
6. Cabinet approved the creation of a Queensland Crocodile Management Plan and the addition of some limited new areas of more intensive management in line with stakeholder requests.
7. Cabinet noted the intention for Queensland to adopt the *Code of Practice on the Humane Treatment of Wild and Farmed Australian Crocodiles* through subordinate legislation amendments.
8. Cabinet noted that the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection would be reviewing and updating the existing “Crocwise” education program to increase community awareness of how to stay safe around crocodiles.
9. *Attachments*
	* Nil.