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CROCS COMING HOME TO ROOST

The Henderson Government’s failure to adequately resource Parks and Wildlife in the Katherine region has seen 3 saltwater crocodiles make their way into the world-famous Katherine Gorge (Nitmiluk).

“The lack of trained staff to operate the crocodiles traps in the Katherine River increased the likelihood of saltwater crocodiles making their way into the Katherine Gorge,” say Willem Westra van Holthe, the Member for Katherine.

“I warned the Henderson Government last year that neglecting to train Parks and Wildlife officers how to trap and remove crocodiles would see more saltwater crocodiles making their way into the Gorge.

“With two saltwater crocodiles pulled out of the Gorge since the start of the wet and another known to be lurking, the need for greater effort during the dry season is obvious.

“Saltwater crocodiles in the Katherine Gorge are bad for the image of Nitmiluk.

“We should not risk the reputation of this internationally renowned tourist location for want of properly trained and equipped Parks and Wildlife officers.

“I invite the Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Alison Anderson, to come down to Katherine to get a first hand understanding of the situation.”

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