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 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Mundingburra—LNP) (Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience) (6.25 pm): I rise to support the minister's amendment. I have listened to the debate and I will not go over old ground. But I will point out something which I do not believe has been truly captured in the last hour of debate. On one side of the House there has been a feverish push about the value of unions and we have had great contributions from this side of the House about the accountability of unions.

There is one thing that has been lost. That is the point that to get a fair day's pay for a fair day's work there needs to be a job. I want to talk about what has happened in the last 18 months when it comes to creating jobs for the people that I represent. I am going to talk about some areas that I am very passionate about. Let us talk about laying the seed for job creation.

Let us have a look at what has happened as a result of the streamlined process that the Coordinator-General has put in place. There have been 200 decisions in the first 18 months of our government and there were 74 in the last 18 months of the previous government. What was the 200th decision? The member for Cairns is here this evening as I make this contribution. What was the 200th decision of the Coordinator-General? It was the final terms of reference for the EIS for the proposed \$4 billion Aquis resort. What does that mean for people in the part of the world where I come from? It means the potential for 9,000 jobs during construction and 10,000 jobs ongoing.

Why are we looking at a project like this? Because we have a government that understands if we work with the private sector rather than beating them up we can actually create jobs. The greatest gift a government can give private enterprise is to not put barriers in their way, not find excuses to ask for another hurdle to be jumped over or another barrier to be overcome. Good governments are governments that set rules and police rules but make them fair and ensure that people who want to create jobs for hardworking individuals can do so.

Let us look at what has been done in the area of tourism. I point to things like DestinationQ where enormous opportunities have opened up at both ends of the state. I know that it creates howls from those opposite, particularly one, but I know what the long-term prospect for uranium mining will do for the people of regional Queensland. There are real jobs there and jobs for generations. There are towns whose futures will be made on the back of this industry.

We are also waiting on approvals to come through from the federal government for projects in Central Queensland that will mean so much to this state. It is a shame that they have been part of a political game and they have taken so long to be approved. They are things that will unlock the potential of this state for a generation.

What about in agriculture? The removal of portions of the Vegetation Management Act will allow development of high-value agriculture. We can double agricultural production—

Ms Trad interjected.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I know that upsets the member opposite who probably has never been on a farm. The reality is there are jobs there—

Mr Newman: She's never had a real job.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I do not think so, Premier. There are jobs there for people on the land to create an industry that we can all be so proud of.

In my final minute I will seek to explain why we must as an economy be proud to be unlocking the potential of regional Queensland. I will always fight for the rights of workers. I will always fight for a fair day's pay. The government will always fight for safe working conditions and we will always fight for an economy where businesses can create real jobs for hardworking Queenslanders. I congratulate the government for enshrining these values in this parliament and I support the minister's amendment.