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 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (2.41 pm): The Palaszczuk government was elected on Greens preferences, it survives on Greens preferences and, as a result, rather than being about true environmental outcomes, like the Greens political party it is about virtue signalling. Let us go through what environmental stewardship we have had from this government.

We have an implementation of a waste levy which has been completely at sea and which I predict will not be able to come into effect on 4 March as the government has signalled because the implementation has been poor. We have a container deposit scheme—a great scheme that should be great for the environment—so poorly implemented that people are at their wits' end. It is so poorly implemented and there has been such poor attention to detail that whole swathes of Queenslanders will not have access to these sites because the attention to detail and the genuine desire to do things right is not there.

There is another one coming, and that is the end of waste code for our biosolids. It is supposed to come in from 1 January. We have had no attention to detail. Watch this one for another one that is on its way: the scuttling of the *Tobruk*, which was so brilliantly articulated by my friend the member for Burnett. I ask this question: it is interesting the government has not pursued with vigour the company which sunk the *Tobruk*. Is it because that a set of guidelines were put in place that made scuttling that vessel the right way almost impossible? Will we find out in 2019 that it was an environmental deal done to appease the people who support those opposite that has seen the scuttling of the *Tobruk* be so poor?

In North Queensland we have a KPI where problem crocodiles will be removed swiftly in three months, and yet somehow the minister will defend that as being a great thing for regional Queensland. I take this as an opportunity to segue through environment into tourism, and it is at this point that I point out that on this side the member for Nanango has put the two portfolios together, and it makes sense. Why? Because we have not had a single ecotourism project in this state up and running because those in the radical environmental movement will do everything in their power to stop it from occurring.

I say to the Minister for Tourism: will she stand up in 2019 and see the jobs created, the environmental legacy created, that puts real outcomes above political expediency? Will the minister step in and ensure the people of Whitsundays will be protected and the circuit breaker they yearn for will be in place so they can get their tourism industry back on its feet? Will the minister finally set KPIs when giving out money to airlines to actually fulfil what it is about—not a ribbon-cutting exercise but long-term tourism outcome? This government survives on Greens preferences.