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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Tourism**

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (2.12 pm): When the minister for tourism stands up and says that tourism is booming in this state, it is ashes in the mouths of providers who are struggling and who have seen revenue fall off a cliff. People in cities such as Cairns are looking for certainty and vision to deliver them from the malaise that they are in. Instead, in this year's budget the property industry will be hit with the ninth new tax of the past three years. If we combine that with the mixed messages on the global tourism hub and the cancelling of projects, Queensland is seen as having a sovereign risk for people wanting to invest in tourism. That is a great shame.

What is the LNP's vision for tourism? I will tell the House what we will do. We will remove that sovereign risk. There will be no new taxes. Investors will not wake up year after year to cop a hiding from those opposite. We will set KPIs. Rather than airlines giving over money only to see routes disappear long after the media releases have been issued and the champagne bottles have been popped, we will set KPIs that will deliver funding to airlines and deals will be honoured. We will deliver a clear message, that is, we will be open for business but we will allow individual regions to maintain their individuality.

The Leader of the Opposition has shown great vision in putting together the portfolios of tourism and environment. We will end the war in which the department of environment is hell-bent on stopping any ecotourism projects in this state. If people want to know just how fanciful the opportunity is for ecotourism while we have a department of environment stopping everything, I note that the budget papers show that not a single dollar of income is predicted from the Wangetti Trail until 2023. At a time when the Cairns economy is crying out for a new project, there will not be a single dollar of income until 2023. The department of environment must be reformed.

Under this minister, there has been no certainty in the koala protection strategy. They are even unable to sink a ship the right way up to create a wreck dive site. They cannot deal with problem crocodiles in a timely way, allowing communities certainty so that they can offer tourism and lifestyle experiences. They cannot provide enough points for people to do the right thing and cash in their recycling. I will make one final prediction: in a few weeks time, the disaster that is the implementation of the waste levy will come home to roost in higher prices and a disastrous rollout under this minister.

*(Time expired)*