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 **Ms CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (2.49 pm): I want to talk about consultation or, I should say, the lack of consultation by TMR and Minister Bailey's office, particularly in Central Queensland. On Sunday I had the privilege of meeting Chloe, an eight-year-old girl who was learning to surf at North Wall harbour with her dad, Todd. She had put a lot of effort into making a sign that said, 'Save our North Wall turtles'. I spent the morning with almost 300 residents from Mackay and my electorate of Whitsunday. We went onto the beach and, with all the manpower we had, spelt out a big 'no'. The community of Mackay will not see North Wall beach taken from the community and, more importantly, the over 128 long back turtle hatchlings that have nested there over the past three years, even though the minister's own department said publicly that there are no turtles on North Wall beach. That demonstrates a lack of consultation and how out of touch the minister and his department are.

I acknowledge the work of Mick Rowan, Mick Depinto and Kim Edwards and thank them for their advocacy. It was only when I attended that event with over 300 others that I learned that they have gone to the member for Mackay to seek her advocacy. It sure would have been great to see her on the beach at 7 am last Sunday.

I want to highlight some of the other challenges with TMR's lack of consultation. Madalyn and Bill Kingsbury have a home business on the Bruce Highway at Knobels Road. The upgrade at that intersection is atrocious. TMR project managers were advising people to make illegal U-turns because they have chosen to change the design and upgrades to the road with no consultation. On 10 November I wrote to Minister Bailey, asking him to investigate and intervene. Still I have received no response.

Finally, I have been speaking about the Shute Harbour boat ramp since I first entered this House. I acknowledge the advocacy of Adam Anderson, who founded the 12,000-strong 'Fishing in the Whitsundays' Facebook group. The boat ramp was upgraded at a cost of \$1.8 million, but without consultation or advice from the Whitsunday Regional Council and the department did not engage with the fishing community. There are crocodile warning signs. I table in the House this picture of the boat ramp.

Tabled paper: Photograph depicting a boat ramp [2036](#).

I have certainly written to the minister already on this matter. I would like to see some safety signage about stingers as it is now irukandji season. When the minister sees the design he will certainly know how dangerous it is.

I want to give a little shout-out to the Attorney-General, and I am pleased to see her here today, on behalf of the men of Mackay and the Whitsundays and those from Triple M. I was pleased that the Attorney-General trolled through my social media. The dads of Mackay and the Whitsundays are proud of their dadbods. We will not be shamed or lectured to by the Attorney-General. We are proud of our dadbods.

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