

Speech By

Hon. Amanda Camm

MEMBER FOR WHITSUNDAY

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Hon. AJ CAMM (Whitsunday—LNP) (Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (2.42 pm): Firstly, I place on record my congratulations to the Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support on the passing of Adult Crime, Adult Time laws, particularly the changes she is making to the Youth Justice Act and her investment in prevention and early intervention, which is critical. It is critical for the children entering the child safety system who have been failed by the Labor government. It is also critical for consequences for actions. Implementing consequences for actions is having a tangible impact on driving down victim numbers. We know that we have a long way to go, but a 7.2 per cent decline is a dint.

A government member interjected.

Ms CAMM: It is a big start; I take that interjection. I also place on the record my thanks to Tourism Whitsundays, the Whitsunday Charter Boat Industry Association and the Queensland Tourism Industry Council for their efforts and their advocacy on our government's call to the federal government to deliver a national dashboard in light of the fuel crisis that is affecting every industry in my community: agriculture, commercial fishing, the tourism industry and the visitor tourism economy. Each and every day, it is having major impacts on families right across Mackay and the Whitsundays. For almost a third of jobs we rely on tourism, which is what our economy is based on. That is why we call on the federal government to support and deliver the fast-tracking of approvals for our investment in the Taroom Trough. We need to think ahead to ensure we have fuel security and fuel supply for our nation, because at the moment we are experiencing significant sovereign risk. I thank Canegrowers, the Resource Industry Network and all of our peak bodies that are engaging with my office and providing updates that we can pass on to our representative at the federal level.

Each Anzac Day we honour the courage, sacrifice and enduring spirit of those who have served our country and who gave their lives for our freedom. This Saturday we will take time to reflect upon that. As the Minister for Child Safety, I wish to honour the sacrifice of Mr Roy Allison, who served in World War I. After the passing of his mother, Roy was admitted to the care of the Queensland state children's department in 1906. During his childhood, Roy spent time placed with a foster carer in Albion, Elizabeth Price. In 1915 Roy enrolled in the Australian Army and was deployed to France. Following severe wounding, Roy was repatriated to Enoggera military hospital, where his former foster carer, Elizabeth Price, was with him when he died on 23 August 1919. It is because of Roy's sacrifice and service, and that of so many others, that our state and nation enjoy freedom. Roy's service is honoured on the Roll of Honour for the 41st Infantry Battalion at Anzac Square in Brisbane and the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour in Canberra. My thanks go to the Care Leavers Australasian Network for their ongoing work and advocacy. We thank Roy for his service.

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