

Speech By

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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) (2.22 pm): It is a great pleasure to say that the Crisafulli government, under the Deputy Premier, has declared the Whitsunday Skyway project a prescribed project. What does that mean? It means that our government election commitment of $5 million, along with the prescribed project status and the support of the tourism minister, is going to see a streamlined approvals process for the ecotourism attraction Whitsunday Skyway. In addition, it aligns with the Crisafulli government's Destination 2045 strategy, and I want to thank the tourism minister for his continued support and the certainty of funding that Tourism Whitsundays has received, for the first time ever, under the Crisafulli government.

This was a project under the former Labor government that was placed in a space where it would practically never have seen the light of day. Now aligned with the sod turning at Victoria Park, what we have seen is an incredible stake in the ground, if you like, for the Olympic Games. Not only have we seen the sod turn at Victoria Park, but with the investment and the streamlined process of Whitsunday Skyway we have also seen work progress on the flood mitigation activities at Goorganga Plains. We have also seen the declaration of Shute Harbour boat ramp as part of Olympic and Paralympic infrastructure. We have also seen a commitment with lots happening from the sailing sector and partnerships being formed with Tourism Whitsundays and our local sailing club. I want to commend their leadership, along with that of our regional council and our tourism body.

In addition, on the weekend I had the incredible opportunity to represent Minister Leahy at the celebration of 75 years of the Proserpine Fire and Rescue Station and the open day they held where they unveiled an honour board celebrating the 158 auxiliary firefighters who have represented our community of Proserpine. I want to provide a bit of certainty to the minister that in our region our fire service is in good hands. The qualifications of our auxiliary firefighters are exemplary. I want to pay tribute to Captain Brian Little for his continued leadership and stability: they have one of the lowest rates of turnover of auxiliary firefighters in the state. It is an absolute privilege to be able to speak on behalf of my community. I want to thank them for their leadership and for their continued commitment to the safety of our community.