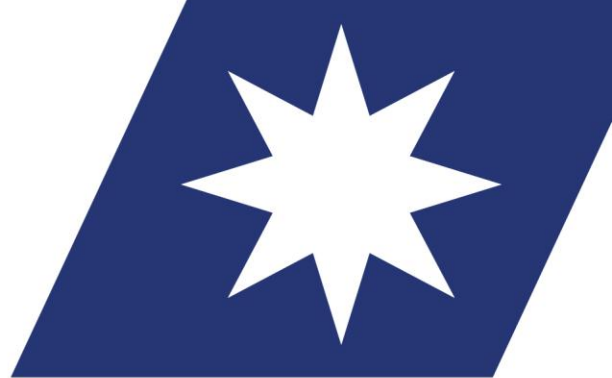


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Tourism to ignite Hinchinbrook

A BOLD push for local tourism ventures will transform Hinchinbrook into a must-see destination, says Hinchinbrook MP Nick Dametto.

The Katter's Australian Party MP has ignited the call for innovative ideas that will help showcase the best of the region to the world while diversifying the local economy.

"We live amongst some of the most beautiful natural wonders of the world," Mr Dametto said.

"I truly believe sharing our backyard through tourism is the best way to attract people back to our region to work, live or visit."

Wallaman Falls, Mungalla Station, Tyto Wetlands, Paluma Rainforest Walk and Hinchinbrook Island's Thorsborne Trail are just some of the destinations Mr Dametto suggested could be transformed into tourism meccas with the right infrastructure, training and product offerings.

"If we as a community dare to think outside the box, a budding entrepreneur could really take advantage of our region's natural attractions while at same time creating jobs and increasing tourist visitation," he said.

"As a former tourism operator myself, I know how sought after North Queensland is as a destination to visit with the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef, lush rainforests, island getaways and picture-perfect beaches."

Mr Dametto called on the State Government to assist with developing a strong tourism industry in the region.

"Support from the State would help drive tourism in Hinchinbrook and create the right conditions for private investment in our region," he said.

"Destinations like the Greater Palm Group of Islands and Hinchinbrook Island are right on our doorstep and could certainly benefit from that kind of investment. Let's make it happen."

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Hinchinbrook MP Nick Dametto explores Little Crystal Creek at Paluma.

Hinchinbrook MP Nick Dametto enjoys a trip to the beach at Lucinda.

Hinchinbrook MP Nick Dametto at Saunders Beach north of Townsville.

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