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Opposition Leader David Crisafulli has thrown his support behind building a cableway in the Gold Coast Hinterland.

The man who is odds-on favourite to be the next premier says it's critical to put tourism front and centre of the economy going forward, starting with supercharging the green behind the gold on the Coast.

Mr Crisafulli said he would

simultaneously serve as premier and tourism minister to underline the importance of the industry and would work to deliver Hinterland tourism projects, including the cableway, with Gold Coast City Council.

"We have so much potential in the space and if we are objectively looking at tourism, we haven't developed eco tourism for a generation in this state and I cannot think of a better place to do it than the Coast," the

Broadwater MP said on the Gold Coast on Wednesday. "I'm not talking about wanton destruction, I'm talking about environmentally sensitive developments where you create jobs for people, create a generation of people who are environmental defenders and put that money aback in the environment. If things stack up environmentally then we should dream big because eco-tourism is a sleeping giant for the Coast."

Asked if he was keen for a cableway, he said "absolutely".

"I love that council has got an ambitious dream to make something like that happen but it has to be done to the highest environmental standards," he said. "If we create a relationship where council and state can work together, that's the kind of project which we would look back on in a generation and see it as a defining moment in Gold Coast tourism 2.0 – the new wave."

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Where the party leaders were yesterday

STEVEN MILES



WHERE: Rockhampton (Labor 8.6%), Hervey Bay (Labor 2.0%), Sunshine Coast, Ninderry (LNP 4.1%)
ANNOUNCEMENT: Six of 50 state-owned GP clinics to be located in Central Queensland

DAVID CRISAFULLI



WHERE: State Parliament (McConnel, Labor 11.1%), Robina (Mudgeeraba, LNP 10.09%) Arundel (Bonney, LNP 10.07%)
ANNOUNCEMENT: Jack's Law to be made permanent