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Hon David Crisafulli - Italo-Australian Minister Special Guest of ICCI (Qld)

The Hon David Crisafulli, the Queensland Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience was the special guest of another most successful ICCI (Qld) Business Networking Lunch.

The Minister, whose grandparents migrated from Italy – one set of grandparents born in Sicily and the other born in Piemonte – spoke very proudly of his Italian heritage and the very strong influence that the Italian way of life has had on him and continues to help him in the performance of his public duties.

“I am very proud of my Italian origins and am very grateful to my grandparents who many years ago made the ultimate sacrifice in leaving their country of birth to come to a mysterious and uncertain future here in Australia.”

“They dreamed of great opportunity, in a country renowned for great opportunity and upon arrival, they commenced building a most honourable and successful personal and commercial life in North Queensland.”

“They worked tirelessly to build up a very successful business which is something that my father and mother continue to expand and around which I grew up and learnt the value and appreciation for hard work, honesty and tolerance.”

“These days I seek to practise these values in public life and I know that my grandparents would have been very proud of me as a grandson who has done very well first of all in business and then in public life at both a Local Government and now State Government level.”

Minister Crisafulli invited questions after his very insightful address and during answers to questions he again underlined his great pride in his Italian heritage.

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