


~~To address these complex and contentious issues, I have written to the Minister for Environment and Resource Management and asked her to review the boundaries of the Cairns urban area to give rangers greater flexibility to remove large crocodiles from areas frequented by people.~~

CRIMINAL CODE (ANZAC DAY BETTING) AMENDMENT BILL

First Reading

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (11.52 am): I present a bill for an act to amend the Criminal Code to legalise two-up games at certain Anzac Day celebrations. I present the explanatory notes, and I move—
That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.


Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

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Second Reading

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (11.52 am): I move—

That the bill be now read a second time.

It is not known the exact origins of the game two-up, but it seems to have evolved from another game called pitch-and-toss, a game involving tossing a single coin into the air and wagering on the result. History says that two-up was played amongst poorer English and Irish citizens in the 18th century. The movement of convicts to Australia brought two-up with them and this was noted as early as 1798 by the New South Wales first Judge Advocate. Over time the two coin form was being played in the goldfields and is said to have spread across the country following subsequent gold rushes.

During the First World War the game was said to have been played extensively by Australian soldiers. It is during these war-torn years that Queenslanders and Australians have come to pay tribute to our fallen diggers and as a part of that respect we participate in a game of two-up on Anzac Day each year just as our diggers did all those years ago.


Under the current criminal law anyone participating in such a game outside of a casino with a regulated game could face criminal charges. That is why today I am moving to insert an exemption in the Criminal Code to ensure that those persons who are at Anzac Day celebrations on Anzac Day in any licensed club or pub will be able to participate in a game of two-up. Clubs and pubs will be able to hold these games without fear of threats of being shut down, as was reported to have happened in Cairns on Anzac Day this year.

This bill seeks to remove any doubt that the criminal law of unlawful games under section 232 of the Criminal Code does not apply to particular exempt two-up games. I commend the bill to the House.

Debate, on motion of Mr Reeves, adjourned.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Brisbane Ferry Terminal Design Competition

 **Ms GRACE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (11.54 am): I advise the House of an exciting new design competition in Brisbane. On 30 April I joined the Premier Anna Bligh and federal Treasurer Wayne Swan at the launch of the Brisbane Ferry Terminal Design Competition. We all know that great design makes great cities and this national and international design competition is open to designers and architects across the globe to become part of the rebuilding of our city. I am positive that the end design result will show everyone that Brisbane is not just back on its feet, it is standing tall again. This cutting edge design competition is a once in a generation chance to turn disaster into an opportunity. It is an opening to rebuild CityCat and ferry terminals that are truly unique and will be instantly recognisable as a distinctive part of the river city's landscape.

As ferry terminals are not normally infrastructure that would qualify for funding under the NDRRA arrangements, I welcome this unprecedented partnership between the federal and state governments to commit \$145 million to replace the Brisbane ferry terminals and the RiverWalk. Interested designers are to provide their ideas for a single design that can be adapted for eight inner city terminals lost during the floods, four of which are located in my electorate at River Plaza, North Quay, Queensland University of Technology and Sydney Street in New Farm.