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JIANG BEI NEW TOWN DESIGN COMPETITION

Mr MICKEL (Logan—ALP) (7.09 p.m.): Tonight I want to congratulate the Queensland firm, Consortia Australia, and the Asia Pacific Design Group (Chongqing) Pty Ltd on being one of six firms top listed in the world for the Jiang Bei New Town Design Competition for the city of Chongqing. The firm got to this stage after being selected from 150 firms worldwide. The group is headed by David Tilby of Ryder Hunt. The project at Chongqing is associated with the Three Gorges Dam, the construction of which requires the resettlement of one million people. The Chinese Government has allocated \$US38.11 billion for the resettlement program.

The phase of the project the consortia is involved with is the development of a four square kilometre city heart. The result of the international competition will establish the master vision for the redevelopment of Chongqing over the next 30 to 50 years. The company is keen to have a master database of Queensland firms who want to be involved. It is an excellent opportunity for regional Queensland to be involved, as well as firms in my electorate, which may be able to supply products for niche markets via the central consortia. The firm is keen to establish an office in Chongqing. I urge the Premier, other Ministers and particularly shadow Ministers to be aware of it, as the Chinese Government is impressed by Government-to-Government relationships.

The Government's jobs agenda means that firms like this need Government-to-Government contact, which is so important for doing business in China. I know that honourable members will wish the group every success in being in the final six and in winning the competition—although I stress that winning is not everything; it is the contacts that they will make along the way which are important. So I urge everyone, if they are involved in a delegation with people from China, to push the firm concerned, because this is the way in which to guarantee that we can win this for Queensland.
