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**ART BUILT IN PROGRAM**

**Ms BOYLE** (Cairns—ALP) (10.23 a.m.): Last week in Cairns the Honourable Matt Foley launched the Art Built In program at the Cairns regional art gallery. We had expected a small group of people, artists and devotees, to attend—perhaps 20 or 30 people—but, in fact, there were 100 people present and it was standing room only. Architects, planners and engineers mixed with artists and tradespeople to really welcome what, of course, was a Beattie Government election promise—a Beattie Labor team election promise. It has been well received, because for Government buildings it will mean improved design and improved furniture and fittings. As a program it is much more, of course, than paintings on walls.

Improving the design of Government buildings will improve their usability, the comfort of the public of Queensland in doing Government business in Government buildings and the sense of ownership that the community has of Government buildings. When one considers, for example, hospitals as well as community service offices where vulnerable people attend for assistance, we know how important it is that the environment of the building be right. The same, of course, applies in terms of us promoting Queensland business and industry: the environment also should be right.

It is a fine thing that this Labor Government is providing leadership to the business community, which hopefully will follow in attending more to the design of Queensland buildings and contributing to the importance of Queensland as a tourism State in having buildings that are truly a built environment in harmony with the purpose of the building and yet in harmony with the splendid natural environments that we have in Queensland. I congratulate the Minister as well as other Ministers for supporting and initiating this program.

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