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### BRUNSWICK STREET RAILWAY STATION

**Ms GRACE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (11.34 am): It is with a sense of pride and great pleasure that I can announce today the successful completion of phase 1 of the \$30 million-plus redevelopment of the Brunswick Street Railway Station in the Valley. The 30-year-old station was certainly due for a makeover, and on 31 March platforms 3 and 4 got it and are now open for business, giving the Valley a new lease of life.

The completed development will see commuters with millions of dollars worth of new access features including lifts, escalators and stairways. In addition, thanks to new artworks, there is a wonderful facade paying homage to some of this city's great home-grown talent. The new artwork on the platforms serves as a daily reminder to the commuters who use QR's second busiest stop that opportunity, culture and community are available in abundance in Brisbane, especially for those who seek it out. Brisbane based artist Jennifer Marchant, who designed the artwork, said that quotes from the Andrew Stafford iconic book *Pig City* hover above and around soundwave patterns to 'represent how the Valley has been integral to the development of Brisbane's music', capturing significant moments in time. Some of the quotes refer to bands specifically, including Savage Garden, Powderfinger, Regurgitator, Custard, the Saints and the Go-Betweens. Many are not aware they are all from Brisbane.

The look and feel of this great city is changing. It is an exciting time to live in Brisbane, and this is just one more iconic step towards Brisbane being recognised as the world-class city that it truly is. I look forward to delivering more good news with the completion of platforms 1 and 2 currently being upgraded under the second stage of the redevelopment, due in December this year.