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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.

A selection panel chaired by Government Architect Professor Philip Follent will be supported by a technical advisory group and the BCC to select a short list of three. Members of the public will be able to have a say on the winner from the short list and the winning design will be awarded the contract as consulting architect. Entry designs are now open and I encourage all designers of the world to enter and be part of rebuilding our much-loved CityCat and ferry terminals. I am positive that the winning design will add a great architectural flair to our great city and I cannot wait to see the outcome. Sharpen your pencils, designers, and enter the competition. This is exciting stuff for Brisbane City and a chance to be a part of the rebuilding of our great city.