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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Integrated Resort Developments**

 **Hon. JW SEENEY** (Callide—LNP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.47 am): The Queensland government's commitment to develop new integrated resort developments across the state enters another exciting phase today. Yesterday, 31 March, was the deadline for expressions of interest from investors that seek to create world-class resorts at the Queen's Wharf site here in Brisbane's CBD and up to two other regional centres across the state. It has been pleasing to see both national and international consortia officially register their expressions of interest and pay their \$100,000 non-refundable application fee.

As I have informed this House before, we set this fee because we are determined to attract only serious contenders that share our vision to create world-class quality resorts that benefit all Queenslanders for generations to come. The Queensland government is committed in this process to establishing developments that will be drawcards for both international and domestic visitors and provide employment for thousands of Queenslanders. This process will also be a much needed boost to the state's construction industry and indeed the state's tourism industry.

Today, I can announce that 12 consortia have officially entered expressions of interest to develop these new integrated resorts. Six parties have expressed interest in developing the Queen's Wharf precinct in Brisbane and another six parties have expressed interest in delivering integrated resort developments in various sites across regional Queensland.

In relation to the Queen's Wharf development in Brisbane, the entities that have expressed interest are, firstly, Crown Resorts Pty Ltd and Echo Entertainment Group Pty Ltd, neither of which would come as a surprise. There is then the Far East Consortium and Chow Tai Fook joint venture. There is Lend Lease and there is also SKYCITY Entertainment Group Pty Ltd and Greenland Investment Pty Ltd. They are the six entities that have expressed interest in building an integrated resort development at Queen's Wharf.

The IRD proponents for the proposals in regional Queensland are, firstly, Aquis at the Great Barrier Reef Pty Ltd, which propose a resort at Yorkeys Knob north of Cairns; China-Australia Entrepreneurs Consortium Pty Ltd, which propose a development at Airlie Beach; Fullshare International Australia Pty Ltd, which propose a development 26 kilometres south of Proserpine; GKI Resort Pty Ltd, which propose a development on Great Keppel Island; Eastern Success Group Pty Ltd, which propose a development at Nerang on the Gold Coast; and ASF Consortium Pty Ltd, which propose a development on the Broadwater on the Gold Coast.

From this list and under the close eye of the probity adviser, Len Scanlan, my department will now prepare a final short list which will be invited to move to the final stage of the process. Short listed parties will be asked to provide a fully fledged proposal for evaluation during the second half of 2014.

While this process has a way to run, it is clear that many share the Queensland government's vision to create world-class resort facilities that will provide thousands of jobs for Queenslanders and be an economic boost for regional Queensland.