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### **Inaugural Deputy Premier's award to celebrate great urban design**

Queensland designers of landmark projects have the opportunity to be recognised by the inaugural Deputy Premier's Award for Urban Design.

Queensland Government Architect Malcolm Middleton said that the award would honour great contemporary urban design projects across the state.

"The Queensland Government is encouraging both the public and private sector to make high-quality, thoughtfully designed places a priority," Mr Middleton said.

"Landmark architectural projects are important economy boosters, driving jobs in construction, real estate and tourism.

"The award aims to lift awareness of collaboration as an essential ingredient for great urban places. Great projects are long term assets and are much easier to fund.

"Open to urban design projects from across the state, the award celebrates exemplary projects and design excellence within our regions.

"This award highlights the critical role of good urban design in shaping Queensland and making it a great place to live, work and visit."

The Deputy Premier's Award for Urban Design will be conducted in partnership with the Australian Urban Design Awards, the nation's premier awards for excellence and innovation in urban design.

Queensland Government Architect Malcolm Middleton will chair the judging panel which will include experienced design professionals from the Queensland Urban Design and Places Panel.

Entries for the Australian Urban Design Awards close 9 September 2016 with the winner of the Deputy Premier's Award for Urban Design will be announced early next year.

For more information:

[www.dilgp.qld.gov.au/planning/architectural-and-urban-design-advice.html](http://www.dilgp.qld.gov.au/planning/architectural-and-urban-design-advice.html)

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#### **Further information**

- All entries for the Deputy Premier's award should be submitted initially to the Australian Urban Design Awards with an indication they also wish to be considered for the Deputy Premier's award.
- The Queensland entries will then be considered by the judging panel with the Deputy Premier selecting the final award recipient.
- Awards will be judged on excellence in functionality, aesthetic and viability, how they address contemporary social and cultural issues while respecting historic settings. Also, how they perform in terms of sustainability and are adaptable to future change over time.

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