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NOMINATIONS ABOUT TO CLOSE FOR 2004 QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RECONCILIATION AWARDS FOR BUSINESS

The Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan has called for non-Indigenous and Indigenous people who are working towards reconciliation to be nominated for the *2004 Queensland Government Reconciliation Awards for Business*.

“Reconciliation is everyone’s business,” Ms Nolan said.

“These awards acknowledge the contributions of Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals, employers and organisations who are advancing reconciliation through new enterprise, employment and joint ventures.”

“The Beattie government acknowledges that reconciliation will give Queenslanders a sound basis for a fairer future, where Indigenous and non-Indigenous people have the same opportunities to compete for jobs, and to enjoy healthy, safe and fulfilling lives,” Ms Nolan said.

The Awards are a key component of the Queensland Government’s Reconciliation Action Plan which comprises the Reconciliation Awards for Business, Reconciliation Business Forum and the Young Indigenous Leaders Program. They are open to small, medium and large businesses and nominations close on Wednesday 15 September, 2004. Further information is available at the website www.reconciliation.qld.gov.au or by calling Rachel Nolan’s electorate office on 3202 3452.