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### **Nolan announces \$12,000 funding for community education on tenancy laws**

The Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan, today announced \$12,000 funding for the Ipswich Tenancy Advocacy Services for a project to help young people in the area start and maintain a tenancy.

Ms Nolan said the funding was part of the Residential Tenancies Authority's (RTA) Community Education Public Grants Scheme which has this month awarded more than \$120,000 to community organisations throughout Queensland.

"The RTA grants enable groups like the Ipswich Tenancy Advocacy Services to undertake research projects and provide essential information to tenants on renting issues," she said.

"The grants support community organisations which have specific knowledge about the real needs of their local community.

"These initiatives will assist the RTA to deliver important tenancy facts to groups who may not otherwise access this information."

Ms Nolan said the Service would use the funding to consult with young people, conduct a series of workshops and develop culturally appropriate resources that will deal with a range of tenancy issues including rent arrears, eviction, property inspections, entry and exit condition reports, tenancy databases and discrimination.

"In particular, these resources will assist young people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and culturally diverse backgrounds," she said.

"It's about helping people to understand the fundamentals of the tenancy process as covered by the *Residential Tenancies Act 1994* and the *Residential Services Act (Accommodation) 2002*.

Ms Nolan said this was the seventh year that RTA grants had been offered to improve the Authority's community education program.

"Since its inception, the RTA scheme has funded 75 projects across the state at a cost of more than \$696,000," she said.