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IPSWICH TO BENEFIT FROM \$47.9 MILLION INVESTMENT IN POWER

Electricity customers in the Ipswich area would benefit from more than \$51 million ENERGEX this financial year, Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan said today.

"I welcome this investment by ENERGEX in capital works and maintenance. It demonstrates their commitment to the area and their focus on customer service.

"This is especially important given the future growth we are expected to see in Ipswich as a result of the initiatives outlined in the draft South East Queensland Regional plan.

Ms Nolan said the investment includes a \$47.9 million capital works program to meet increasing demand and improve reliability, and \$13.8 million for inspection, preventative maintenance and vegetation management.

Specific capital projects that have been completed or are due to commence in 2004-05 include:

- Booval – replacement transformer \$1.2 million
- Ipswich South – establishing a 33 kilovolt (kV)/11 kV modular substation \$11.6 million
- North Ipswich – installation of a voltage regulator on 11 kV feeder \$60,000
- North Ipswich – upgrading two 11 kV feeders \$15,000
- Raceview – installation of new 33 kV underground feeder tails \$836,000
- Redbank Plains – establishment of a new 11 kV feeder \$283,000
- Wulkuraka – establishment of a new railway substation for Queensland Rail \$5 million.

Ms Nolan said ENERGEX would also undertake feeder and substation works to meet electricity demand growth, due to the increase in new residential estates in these areas, and the increasing use of air conditioners by householders.