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Infrastructure Plan Delivers for Ipswich - Big Time

The Infrastructure Plan handed down by the Beattie Government today delivers the major high cost infrastructure Ipswich will need to grow in the future, Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said today.

The plan delivers major projects for the whole Ipswich region including

- A third rail line between Darra and Redbank – the crucial infrastructure necessary to provide more express trains
- Rail to Springfield
Funding for upgrades to Translink stations
- The extension of the Centenary highway from Springfield to the Cunningham Highway by 2009 with funding allocated for four lanes to Springfield in stage 2
- A primary and secondary school for Ripley by 2008
- Funding to redevelop the Ipswich Hospital as need grows
- Funding for two health hubs in the Ipswich region

Ms Nolan said the twenty year Infrastructure Plan was the most comprehensive strategy to accommodate future growth Australia had ever seen.

“Right now we know two things, one the Ipswich of today has a wonderful sense of community and two, with or without Government action the city is destined to grow.

“This infrastructure program will make that growth work so that the Ipswich of the future will be a city with more people and more jobs but it will still have a wonderful community spirit.