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### **STATEMENT BY THE MEMBER FOR IPSWICH, RACHEL NOLAN**

The Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan, today announced work will start on the \$700,000 restoration of the Old Ipswich Court House.

Ms Nolan said the state government project would see the court house restored to its former glory as well as the provision of disability access.

“The Old Ipswich Court House is one of Queensland’s most significant historic buildings constructed in 1859,” she said.

“It is one of the few surviving Queensland buildings that was designed and built by the New South Wales colonial government before the colony of Queensland was established.

“QBuild’s stonemasons will be the first on site next week restoring and cleaning the stonework.

“Work will then start on the electrical upgrade and addressing any work place health and safety issues.”

Ms Nolan said the work will be undertaken in two stages.

“Stage One works will focus on internal repairs including internal painting, replacing vinyl and carpet floor covering, polishing the original terrazzo tiles and timber floors,” she said.

“Where necessary door hardware will be replaced and damaged walls doors and windows will be repaired.

“Stage Two concentrates on external work including painting in original heritage colours, replacing non-original floor boards on the veranda as well as other maintenance works and landscaping.”

Ms Nolan said to ensure full disability access, stair lifts and access ramps would be installed and a wheelchair accessible toilet.

“This work is being funded and managed by the Department of Public Works,” she said.

“All work is being undertaken in accordance with the conservation management plan by Allom Lovell Architects.”

She said this latest project was in addition to \$500,000 worth of restoration work undertaken by the state government in recent years.