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#### **Budget Boost for Ipswich Home Assist Secure**

Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan, says the Ipswich Home Assist Secure will benefit from the recent State Budget.

Ms Nolan said Home Assist Secure — funded by the state government through the Department of Housing — helped remove some of the practical difficulties experienced by older people and people of any age with disabilities living in private housing.

“It is delivered for the state government by local councils, churches or non-profit community groups to provide information and assistance with home maintenance, security and minor home modifications,” she said.

“These services help improve local residents’ safety, independence and quality of life. It also helps older people stay in their own homes longer.”

Ms Nolan said the local Home Assist Secure operated by the Ipswich Home Modification Service would receive more than \$437,000 to provide services.

“Home Assist Secure provides an invaluable service in the Ipswich community helping around 1,800 local households,” she said.

“Home Assist Secure offers free information and advice to all eligible householders including referral to local tradespeople, help with employing tradespeople, and planning future work.

“Knowing there is an impartial source of information through the Home Assist Secure Scheme can give greater confidence to people to manage their own home maintenance work.”

Ms Nolan said Home Assist Secure was introduced by the previous Labor government in 1993 and had proved extremely popular helping more than 50,000 households a year across Queensland.