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Ipswich schools invited to seek \$2500 for resource projects

Students across Ipswich are being encouraged to put on their dream up projects, and apply for funding to raise awareness about managing the State's natural resources, Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said today.

Grants of up to \$2500 each are available to schools under the Queensland Government's Community Natural Resources Awareness Grants 2006.

"The grants give schools the opportunity to showcase interest and innovation in natural resource management," Ms Nolan said.

"Schools are encouraged to partner with their local community natural resource management group and organise activities that educate and promote our natural resources."

The theme for the 2006 community grants program is *Managing Queensland's resources...for today and tomorrow*.

"Queensland's precious resources include water, land, vegetation, minerals, petroleum and extractive materials and our cultural heritage," Ms Nolan said.

"Natural resources are vital to the way we live our lives, so it is vital to protect our resources by involving and educating our next generation."

Natural Resources, Mines and Water Minister Henry Palaszczuk said applications for the grants would close on the 31 March. The projects would be featured during Natural Resources Week from 13-20 May.

Successful applicants have until May 20 to complete their projects.

- Guidelines and application forms are available from NRMW's website at www.nrm.qld.gov.au.
- For further information about the community grants program contact project officer Christine Powell on 3224 2323