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NOLAN WELCOMES ADVOCACY FOR IPSWICH PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

The Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today welcomed funding provided by Disability Services Queensland to Ipswich Tenancy Advocacy Services Inc.

The funding will allow for a person to be employed under the auspice of Ipswich Tenancy Advocacy Services Inc with the sole objective of advocating for people with a disability.

“Seven advocacy organisations across Queensland will benefit from almost \$600,000 in new funding as part of Government moves to protect people who may have difficulties speaking up for themselves.

“The funding will assist organisations to stand-up for the rights of people with a disability and ensure those rights are upheld,” Ms Nolan said.

Ms Nolan said the injection of money recognised the recent report of the advocacy organisation Queensland Parents of People with a Disability.

The QPPD’s report, *Community Investigation Report into Abuse, Assault and Neglect of People with a Disability*, found that having an advocate was an important factor in the safety of people with a disability.

Ipswich Tenancy Advocacy Service will receive \$16,500 non-recurrently to establish an office and \$66,495 recurrently to employ the advocate.

“This funding has come as a result of the hard work and dedication of Ipswich people involved in the disability sector and I congratulate them on their contribution,” Ms Nolan said.

Manager of Ipswich Tenancy Advocacy Services Inc, Tania Sheppard said that they are very excited about the new service and are at the initial stages of recruiting for the new position.

“Ipswich people who have fought so hard for this funding should be justifiably proud of their achievement.

“The funding will be of great benefit to the Ipswich community and we look forward to the challenges ahead,” Ms Sheppard said.