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FUNDING BOOST FOR IPSWICH HOME MODIFICATION SERVICES

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today announced \$85,800 in additional state government funding for Ipswich Home Modifications Service.

Ms Nolan said a total of \$751,141 in one-off grants had been approved to boost funding to five services across Queensland to meet growing demand for advice on home modifications to people with mobility problems.

"Ipswich Home Modifications Service will receive the extra funding on top of the \$197,512 already provided this financial year," Ms Nolan said.

"This will be used to support a range of services currently available to older people and people with disabilities in the local community.

"Home modification services — funded through the joint federal-state Home and Community Care (HACC) program — assess what home modifications a person needs to meet their mobility requirements.

"Local home modification services also offer financial assistance to help prepare designs and plans and undertake the building modifications.

"The extra money from the state government means home modification services can help more eligible people who want to stay living in their own homes longer."

Ms Nolan said it was not acceptable for someone to be excluded from community life because they have a disability.

"A simple modification like installing a ramp, or replacing a steep-sided bath with a shower, could let you stay in your own home and neighbourhood, that's the great value of the home modification services," she said.

Home modification services are managed by the Department of Housing and delivered through local community-based organisations.

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