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FUNDS FOR IPSWICH HOUSING GROUP

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today announced \$130,245 for an Ipswich housing group to help provide accommodation to people at risk of homelessness.

Ms Nolan said Housing Minister Robert Swarten had approved the funds for South West and Ipswich Community Housing under the Community Rent Scheme.

“The Community Rent Scheme is a state government-funded program operated by community-based housing groups,” Ms Nolan said.

“It helps local groups provide subsidised housing to low-income families or individuals in urgent need of accommodation.”

Ms Nolan said the Beattie Government had allocated record funding for housing including \$235.5 million over four years to tackle homelessness.

“This will be used to target communities with highest demand particularly where people are being squeezed out of the private rental market,” she said.

“In our local area, South West and Ipswich Community Housing manages almost 60 properties to help people already on the public housing waiting list, but who need to find housing urgently and cannot secure accommodation on the private market.

“The local funds are part of an \$11 million Community Rent Scheme budget which supports 24 organisations in 26 communities around the state.”

“Altogether, these groups manage more than 1,700 properties and assist more than 3,000 households a year.

“These grants will deliver real and direct help to people facing housing crisis.”