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ROOF REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan, today welcomed the news that asbestos roofs at four local schools would be replaced before the end of June.

"I have been advised by the Education and Training Minister, Rod Welford, that a tender has been issued for the replacement work to be undertaken at Bremer State High School, Churchill State School, Ipswich East State School and Ipswich Special School," Ms Nolan said.

"The exact time for the work will be determined after the tender has been awarded and discussions have been held with the school Principals.

"This is great news for the school community.

"It will complete the replacement of all asbestos state school roofs in the electorate – and that's great news for teachers, parents and students."

Education and Training Minister, Rod Welford, has announced that another 132 asbestos roofs at 70 schools will be replaced before the end of June under the Beattie Government's \$120 million Asbestos Roof Replacement Program (ARRP).

"We are on target to replace more than 800 asbestos school roofs by the end of June this year – in less than two years since the ARRP began," Mr Welford said.

"This will complete the replacement of more than 85% of all school asbestos roofs and is a credit to all involved.

"Our Government is the first in the state's history to comprehensively address this issue and provide funding to replace every asbestos roof in every Queensland state school.

"We have been able to accelerate the program by getting specialist tradesmen on-board to work weekends, as well as school holidays.

"We'll keep up this rate of work, weather permitting."