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Statement on Riverlink opening

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today commented on the opening of the Riverlink shopping centre.

“I’m very disappointed that this centre has been allowed to open today without meeting many of its conditions.

“It’s all very well to be excited by the new shops but those conditions were set down to protect Ipswich’s entire city heart from adverse development. They have not been complied with and the people of Ipswich will rue that failure – largely on the part of Council – long after the excitement of new shops has worn off.

“The development corporation has failed to build the crucial pedestrian bridge, the railway station and the landscaped river parklands and on top of that the completed centre will be more than 10,000m² bigger than the state government approved.

“The State Government, through the Department of Main Roads, was the only organisation with the gumption to take on the developer and while they failed to prevent the centre from opening with a dangerous road network, I commend their efforts in the pursuit of public safety.”