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### **NOLAN CALLS ON IPSWICH PEOPLE TO JOIN EARTH HOUR**

Earth Hour is gaining momentum in Queensland with Premier Anna Bligh today announcing that the Queensland Government will join the now global initiative.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan has called on Ipswich businesses and residents to get involved.

Earth Hour is a climate change initiative in which people are encouraged to turn off their lights and electrical devices for one hour: from 7.30 – 8.30pm on Saturday March 29.

It started in Sydney last year when 68,506 households and 2,270 businesses switched off. They were joined by McDonald's, the Commonwealth Bank, the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Luna Park and the Opera House.

Earth Hour was initiated by the WWF and the inaugural event was heavily supported by the Sydney Morning Herald.

Now in 2008, Earth Hour is expanding with the Bligh Government leading the charge into this state.

Ms Nolan said Earth Hour was a small step in the critical process of igniting action on climate change.

"Earth Hour will save a little carbon but the awareness that's raised through it will get thousands of people thinking about their own carbon footprint."

"Climate change is a severe and genuine threat not just to our lifestyle but to our civilisation. We all need to get involved in the response."

Ms Nolan said she would be writing to local government offices and businesses to urge their involvement.