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Main Roads office is first step in CBD takeover

“The announcement yesterday by State Main Roads Minister Warren Pitt that an Ipswich CBD office of the Department of Main Roads is to be established can rightly be considered a first step in the State’s takeover and revitalisation of the Ipswich CBD,” Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said today.

“Within hours of the Premier’s announcement that the State would take responsibility for planning of central Ipswich and relocate 1200 public servants to the CBD, that Main Roads Minister announced that plans had started to establish an Ipswich district Main Roads office with around a dozen staff.

“The new Main Roads office will be involved in major local projects such as the Centenary Highway extension (due to be completed in 2009) and the Ipswich Motorway upgrade as well as providing more direct and accessible contact with the Ipswich community.

Ms Nolan said that as Queensland’s fifth largest city, it was appropriate that Ipswich should have a full complement of State Government service providers.

“The Bligh Government is building the new Ipswich,” she said.

“We are spending billions on roads, rail, and water infrastructure, taking control of the ailing Ipswich CBD and already we are relocating public service to the city.

“The Main Roads announcement comes just two weeks after the opening of a new Ipswich EPA office with 25 staff,” said Ms Nolan.