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**Rachel Nolan calling for Women who struggle with Literacy to try WOW**

"I'm aware from my community work that some women in the Ipswich area find day to day life challenging because they struggle with literacy skills," said Member for Ipswich Ms Rachel Nolan.

"Tasks like banking, filling in forms and navigating the computer become overwhelming and these members of our community can feel marginalised. Additionally, we are missing out on the wonderful contribution they could make to our city, simply because a lack of literacy means can't reach their full potential; and everyone should have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

"Fortunately, Ipswich women have help at hand.

"WOW (Work Outcomes for Women) is a program run through TAFE Queensland that can provide up to 800 hours of free training, so women can learn to:

- Use a computer
- Prepare basic documents
- Write, send and open emails
- Improve and develop suitable workplace writing skills
- Develop maths skills in budgeting, costing, measurement and estimation

"I'm calling on the family and friends of those who find literacy a challenging part of their day to day lives, to help them get in contact with the Workskills Education Unit on 3817 3312. This call could change a life forever", said Ms Nolan.

WOW is also available through a referral by Centrelink or another job Network.