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Rachel Nolan MP seeks top Ipswich Qld Icons

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan MP is calling on locals to come forward with their "Queensland Icons"

In the countdown to Queensland's 150th Celebrations 2009 (Q150) the Premier Anna Bligh has called on Queenslanders to start thinking about what icons they believe define the Queensland identity, with voting on icons beginning in March 2009.

"St Mary's Church and Queens Park are two of my favourite Ipswich Queensland icons," said Ms Nolan.

St Mary's because of the outstanding example of 1900s catholic architecture, including its Stained glass windows which are an impressive display and integral part of this iconic Ipswich building and tourist attraction. Queens Park is a favourite because it represents an opportunity for Ipswich residents and visitors alike to enjoy the great outdoors, whether it be to have a BBQ with friends, visit the animals at the wildlife sanctuary, the Japanese Gardens and the new educational centre currently under construction."

As the Premier said maybe its Eddie Mabo, the Storey Bridge, the Queensland Muddie, the Gabba, the XXXX Man, Qantas, or the Big Pineapple – then again maybe its all of them."

"We have a great chance to share in Queensland 150th anniversary celebration and at the same time recognise the great *people, places* and *stories* of our great area," said Ms Nolan.

Through the Q150 Icons program all of us have an opportunity to have their say on this topic.

There are 10 categories that Queenslanders will have the opportunity to vote on in March next year with an outcome announced later in the year.

The categories include; State shapers, sports legends, influencing artists, natural attractions, locations, engineering feats, defining moments, inventions and innovations. There is also a category to capture what it means to be a Queenslanders - 'Typically Queensland' a category to capture the more quirky fun-loving side that Queenslanders are famous for.

All Queensland State Members have been asked to take part in this project and invited them to submit 10 nominations from their constituents across the 10 categories.

This will be followed by the voting period 1 March 2009 to 30 April 2009 and an announcement on Queensland's top 150 icons regionally and across Queensland later in the year.

Next year is shaping up to be an exciting year for Queenslanders and now one in which we define our identity.