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## \$107,820 for Gambling Help in Ipswich

Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan today announced that Relationships Australia has received \$107,820 funding approval from 1 January 2009 to run the Gambling Help Ipswich service.

The Gambling Help Ipswich service provides support, community education and sector development services to assist problem gamblers.

“For most people, having a punt or putting some money into the pokies is a relaxing form of entertainment but for some it gets out of control – leading to stress, relationship breakdowns and substantial financial loss.”

The State Government is committed to reducing that social harm so we have put in place responsible gambling policies like measures to exclude people from venues and we fund services like Gambling Help Ipswich which provide support.

“Anyone with a gambling problem should understand that help is out there. It is just a phone call away.

“This funding will also assist the Gambling Help Service with community education to raise awareness and understanding of gambling addiction.”

For anyone requiring immediate assistance, the Gambling Help Line provides a FREE confidential crisis counselling and referral service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Phone: 1800 222 050.

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