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Ipswich local government office to build partnerships with councils

The "regionalisation" of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation is forging ahead, with four south-east region offices open for business.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan MP said the regionalisation of the Department was a key commitment to support councils through the local government reform program.

"The south-east region offices in Ipswich, Sippy Downs, Kedron, and Beenleigh are now up and running," Ms Nolan said.

"Importantly, the offices are staffed by 45 people with local knowledge of the key issues affecting the region.

"These local officers now provide an invaluable resource for councils and the community in the south east.

"Councils can better access the Department's resources as well as gain assistance and advice at the grass roots level to develop local solutions to local problems."

Local Government Minister Warren Pitt said regional staff would continue to be appointed throughout 2009 to support councils and strengthen communities across the State.

"With the establishments of the Department's regional service delivery teams, we have already seen greater partnerships and collaboration between the Queensland Government and councils, which is great news for residents across Queensland," Mr Pitt said.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation Ipswich office is located at 225 Brisbane St, Ipswich and can be contacted on 3239 0770.