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## Bligh Government bolsters support for Ipswich Hospice

The Queensland Government is stepping in to ensure the long term viability of the Ipswich hospice.

Health Minister Stephen Robertson announced in parliament today a one-off grant to ensure the viability of these services to the end of the financial year.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan MP said the Ipswich hospice is one of seven organizations in Queensland that provides compassionate services for people in their final days, as well as providing families with clinical care, bereavement support and information.

"The Bligh Government has a strong history of working in partnership with the non-government sector to deliver palliative care services," Ms Nolan said.

"The final days of a loved one are a difficult time for everyone involved.

"These organisations provide support, guidance and comfort to terminally ill Queenslanders and their families and we want to continue to support them in that role.

"Our growing and ageing population means the demand on these services is growing.

"Their sustainability in the long term is vital to the Ipswich community which is why the Queensland Government will provide short term funding, within the existing budget to guarantee the viability of these services through to July.

"The Queensland Government recognises in these tough economic times our non-government organisations can suffer first due to a decrease in the donation dollar.

"That is why the Bligh Government is committed to continuing its strong relationship with the non-government palliative care providers and the invaluable services they provide for Ipswich locals in their final days .

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