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Secure taxi rank keeps revellers safe

Ipswich's partygoers have a new secure taxi rank in Brisbane Street to get them home safely on weekends.

Transport Minister Rachel Nolan said the new rank would operate every weekend from 11pm tonight to provide a safe, supervised point for revellers to catch taxis home.

"Secure ranks have become very popular in Brisbane and major regional centres where they have been established, and I'm sure the new Brisbane Street secure rank will get more and more popular as more Ipswich people hear about it," she said.

"It was established to counter the threat of violence that can occur at crowded taxi ranks in the early hours on weekends.

"The secure rank is deliberately located near the main night spots and operates every Friday and Saturday night between 11pm and 4am.

"It is staffed by security officers and taxi marshals funded by the government. The marshals make sure that taxis are filled quickly and people are able to get a cab as quickly as possible.

"The presence of security, taxi marshals and safety facilities make the secure taxi rank popular with the travelling public and taxi drivers," Ms Nolan said.

She said the government had funded an extensive upgrade to lighting in the area and special signage. Ipswich City Council had already established an excellent CCTV coverage of the area.