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## **\$13.5 million to help community care providers upgrade facilities**

Community care providers in Ipswich can apply for a share of \$13.5 million in capital funding to upgrade their facilities, State Member for Ipswich and Minister for Transport, Rachel Nolan said today.

Ms Nolan said hundreds of local organisations would benefit from the funding under the joint State-Commonwealth Home and Community Care program.

"This \$13.5 million in capital funding is great news for Queensland seniors and younger Queenslanders with a disability, and their families," Ms Nolan said.

"The funds will enable disability and community care providers to carry out important upgrades of their facilities, enabling them to deliver enhanced services.

"The new funding will be an enormous benefit to Queensland's 147 Meals on Wheels organisations, and I want to encourage them to apply for a share of these funds.

"Meals on Wheels is one of the country's best known and loved community-based initiatives, delivering around 2.5 million meals in Queensland each year.

"It delivers an essential service to people with a disability, and Queenslanders value the tremendous work its volunteers do every day."

Disability Services Minister Anastacia Palaszczuk said the latest \$13.5 million round of HACC funding would strengthen disability and community care services right across Queensland.

"This funding will be of particular benefit to service providers that may need to upgrade their kitchen facilities to meet improved food safety standards," she said.

"These funds are a further sign of the Bligh Government's commitment to creating a fairer Queensland. We're getting on with the job of delivering better care and support services to Queenslanders with a disability."

For more information about the Invitation to Offer and how to apply, visit the Home and Community Care page on the Disability and Community Care Services website, [www.disability.qld.gov.au](http://www.disability.qld.gov.au). Applications close 16 March 2010.

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