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New service to help Ipswich renters

People living in Ipswich who are trying to rent a home in the private rental market are being given a helping hand.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today announced a new service – RentConnect – to help people find suitable housing in the private rental market in Ipswich.

“We’ve had successful trials of Rent Connect in Rockhampton and Caboolture. It worked so well there, we decided to bring it to Ipswich,” Ms Nolan said.

“It’s about giving people a leg up into the private rental market. For instance, they may be able to afford the rent, but are knocked back by landlords because they’ve got a large family.

“Others may not have a rental history and that makes it tricky for them to prove they can be good tenants. Young people in particular can find it hard to rent for the first time.

“Rent Connect gives people tips and advice on how to find a property in the first place, how to prepare an application, how to secure a lease and how to start a tenancy.

“There’s a big demand for private rental housing and there’s a lot of competition out there.

“We’ll have a Rent Connect officer, Toni Coult, based in the Housing Office on Bell Street in Ipswich once the service is up and running in June.”

Toni will work one-on-one with people to help them find the home that suits their needs and help them secure a tenancy.

“In some cases, the government will help out with the bond money for eligible tenants and two week’s rent to encourage landlords to give a tenant a go,” Ms Nolan said.

“It’s about reaching out to people who need a helping hand to get into the private rental market.”

Ms Nolan said more than 4,000 new social housing dwellings were being rolled out across Queensland under the Nation Building Plan.

“It’s an unprecedented investment in social housing. It’s a win for local building workers and it’s a win for people who rely on social housing to put a roof over their head.

“A number of people are doing it tough right now. We know what they’re going through and we’re doing everything we can to help them,” she said.

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