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Ipswich ambulance station halfway there

Member for Ipswich Rachael Nolan today toured ongoing construction work at the new Ipswich replacement ambulance station and declared the facility would be a great asset for local community safety.

Ms Nolan said it was expected work on the new facility would be completed by the end of the year.

“The State Government has committed \$4.6 million for the construction of this replacement station and it was great to see firsthand how work is progressing at the facility,” Ms Nolan said.

“Growing demand and a rapidly increasing population in the area meant we had to invest in this project to achieve the long-term service delivery requirements of the QAS.”

“When work is completed, the Ipswich region will enjoy the services of a world-class facility which will accommodate a 24/7 roster of 22 staff and will house up to 11 vehicles.”

“The completed station will include office accommodation, rest areas, training facilities and amenities. Sustainable design elements include a rainwater storage tank, solar hot water system, motion sensor lighting, external louvers and skylights.”

“It’s also estimated the project will sustain 35 jobs, which is another piece of great news for the area.”

Ms Nolan said the State Government’s 2010 Budget had provided nearly \$1.7 billion for the Department of Community Safety. “That includes funding for an additional 75 ambulance officers, taking the number of new positions funded since 2007 to 630,” she said.

“The Bligh Government’s plan for Tomorrow’s Queensland is for healthy and safe communities and the 2010-11 State Budget ensures our community safety organisations have the funding they need to achieve that objective.”

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