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## \$2.225M IN SOCIAL HOUSING FOR IPSWICH

The construction of five, one bedroom and six, two bedroom apartments for social housing in Ipswich has recently been approved, Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan MP announced today.

Ms Nolan said Minister for Community Services and Housing, Karen Struthers, recently approved the construction of the five, one bedroom and six, two bedroom apartments at 62-64 Railway Street, Booval, which represents an investment of \$2.225m. This is in addition to the recent announcement of the eight, one-bedroom units at 1 Lion Street, Ipswich, at a cost of more than \$1.794m.

“These apartments mean more affordable housing for needy people in Ipswich,” Ms Nolan said.

Ms Nolan said housing affordability, both in terms of home ownership and renting, was one of the biggest issues facing local residents and indeed all Australians.

“The median rent for a one-bedroom unit in Ipswich jumped 15 per cent in the March quarter of 2009 to \$195 per week,” she said.

“This has forced more and more people to abandon the private rental market and apply for social housing.”

“The State Government has a strong commitment to providing social housing for eligible Queenslanders and this is demonstrated by construction projects such as this.”

Without a strong social housing program, Australia would have a US style homelessness problem and so this Labor government is strongly committed to building more and better properties.

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