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## EDUCATION FORUMS COMING TO IPSWICH

Member for Ipswich and Minister for Transport, Rachel Nolan MP said residents in the Ipswich region have a unique opportunity to comment on the future of education in Queensland as state wide Flying Start Forums begin.

Ms Nolan said more than 70 forums would be held across the state, bringing the ear of government to all Queenslanders who value the role of education for children.

"I am delighted to tell you that Ipswich will play host to 2 forums on the 17th of June, one in the morning and one in the evening," she said.

"These Flying Start Forums are a vital part of the discussion we want to have with everybody about the future of education in Queensland.

"The Bligh Government proposed several game-changing ideas in education and it is important that parents, teachers, schools and communities tell us what they think about the proposals."

Ms Nolan said the Green Paper, launched at the beginning of February, outlines a range of new initiatives and proposals key to improving education for all.

"The Green Paper discusses the importance of reading to children and the Bligh Government will launch a reading awareness campaign aimed at parents," she said.

"We will also raise a volunteer army of Queensland Ready Readers to go into schools and help children with their reading.

"Further to this, we want to improve the transition from primary to secondary school and have raised the idea of moving Year 7 to high school in 2014 to support the development of our students.

"And finally, we want to boost performance across all education sectors by creating a single authority responsible for school standards.

"These are big ideas and that is why we need your input."

The Ipswich forums will both be held on 17th June 2010:

Location: Ipswich Grammar Auditorium (Main Entry)  
Darling Street, Ipswich

Times: 11.00am-1.00pm OR 6.30pm-8.30pm

Queenslanders have until 30 June 2010 to contribute to the discussion paper via email, post or through one of the consultation forums.

For more information go to the Queensland Government website at [www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au) or call 1800 452 056.

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