

Device distracts children during procedures

Kids get plugged in to pain relief

A TECHNOLOGICAL innovation developed in Queensland is helping sick Ipswich kids to face painful medical procedures.

The handheld DITTO, a new digital diversional therapy tool, was developed by Brisbane company Diversional Therapy Technologies.

It aims to reduce anxiety-related pain by engaging a child in games, stories and movies, all interactively stimulated under the child's control to distract them during a wide range of often upsetting medical procedures.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan welcomed the impact these machines were making in Queensland's hospitals and in particular the Ipswich Hospital.

"For a parent there is nothing harder than having a sick kid or a child in pain," Ms Nolan said.

"That's why the Queensland Government has invested in bringing this technology to the bedside sooner, so that we can provide comfort and support to some of the most vulnerable



ALL GOOD: Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan has welcomed a new device that helps sick children deal with pain. Photo: Contributed

patients in Queensland and their families.

"We are rolling this technology out across Queensland and I am pleased that Ipswich Hospital has received one of the devices.

"It is making an extraordinary difference for

kids here in the hospital."

Ms Nolan said the device was clinically proven to significantly lower pain and anxiety during medical procedures, meaning less time was spent trying to calm and soothe young patients.

The device is appropriate for children of all ages.