



New Enoggera disability accommodation is changing lives

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THE doors have opened on an innovative \$4.1 million disability accommodation project at Enoggera that will support local people with disability and provide peace of mind for their elderly parents.

The complex in Glenalva Tce will be home to 10 people with disabilities and includes communal areas, a barbecue, bicycle parking and a parking space for each apartment.

Disability Services Minister Coralee O'Rourke said it would provide elderly parent carers with "much-needed peace of mind" knowing there would be ongoing care for their adult son or daughter when they were no longer able to care for them.

Rosemary Jackson, whose son Joe is one of the first tenants, said living independently had turned his life around.



BHC Creating Liveable Communities CEO Stuart Lummis, parent Rosemary Jackson, State Member for Ferny Grove Mark Furner, Mrs Jackson's son Joe and BHC Independent chair Eloise Atkinson at the opening of the 10-unit disability accommodation complex at Glenalva Tce, Enoggera.

“I was very worried about Joe for a long time,” Mrs Jackson said.

“As he grew older and the reality of missing out on the life he wanted hit home, he withdrew and was diagnosed with depression.

“Now his self-esteem has improved greatly and he’s looking after himself like never before.

“ I sleep better at night because I know he is safe here.”

BHC Creating Liveable Communities developed and helped fund the complex. The State Government contributed \$750,000.

State Labor MP for Ferny Grove Mark Furner said since the project was first announced the focus had been on ensuring residents could take advantage of the great amenities the local community had to offer.

“That’s why the Palaszczuk Government provided this site adjacent to the Enoggera bus and rail interchange,” Mr Furner said