

CHILDCARE MEMBER DISCOUNTS OFFERED BY QUEENSLAND LAW SOCIETY

On 4 August 2015, the Queensland Law Society announced that members will now receive access to a ten percent discount at a number of Quality Care and Education Centres.

As part of this initiative, QLS have stated that:

- Members of QLS will obtain a position within their Care and Education Service of choice if a position is available
- If a position is not available, QLS will endeavour to find an available position at the next closest location
- If no local positions are available, QLS will provide monthly updates on position status until a position becomes available

With the proposed cuts to the Paid Parental Leave scheme and child care reforms having the potential to leave many professionals worse off, the WLAQ applaud the QLS in offering this member benefit and encourage all firms to promote this initiative.

President, Amelia Trotman, whose platform for election included a commitment to developing a paid parental leave model policy targeted at small to medium sized firms, says that the issues surrounding childcare and paid parental leave are not solely "women's issues" and need to be developed and supported by all members of the profession before significant change will occur.

The Workplace Gender and Equality Strategy released today aims to help companies address the gap between men and women. The Gender Strategy Toolkit, while yet to be implemented into practice, aims to give companies direction in achieving gender equality. With more than fifty percent of law graduates being female, the legal profession must actively facilitate the development of lawyers to leadership positions.

More about the commitment of WLAQ to achieving equality and diversity in the legal profession, can be located in the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan.

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