



Queensland Independent Education Union

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Catholic School Employees Welcome Employer Assurance on Further Negotiations

The Queensland Independent Education Union (QIEU) today welcomed an assurance by Catholic school employing authorities that they will come back to the negotiating table after their enterprise bargaining agreement was rejected by employees because of flaws and errors in the document.

QIEU General Secretary Terry Burke said employees wanted a prompt resolution to the outstanding matters on which the document was rejected and employers had now acknowledged their willingness to resume the negotiation process.

“By rejecting the document employees have demonstrated to their employers the essential need for consultation prior to any ballot on a proposed agreement,” Mr Burke said.

“Employees rejected the document at the ballot because they were not provided with adequate consultation with employers to discuss the concerns they had with document, which included a number of flaws and obvious errors.”

“Now that the employing authorities have pledged to come back to the table and listen to their employees’ concerns, we hope that any future negotiations will include effective consultation and resolution of issues before a document is put to ballot.”

“With the reconvening of the negotiations, QIEU hopes to bring about a swift resolution to the outstanding matters and provide employees with an enterprise bargaining agreement which is in their best interests,” Mr Burke said.

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