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Professional Rates of Pay Campaign



CHAPTER BRIEFING No. 13

Teachers Show Solidarity at Rally

Dear Colleagues

The strong collective voice present yesterday outside Parliament House, demonstrated the determined effort of members of our union and the QTU to achieve professional rates of pay.

Employers in both sectors must commit to benchmark rates of pay and the resolve of Queensland teachers will continue in order to achieve these rates in the interests of quality education.

The state government has resorted to manipulating the state industrial system to take the matter to arbitration and thwart QTU members in their campaign for a fair wage outcome.

Our union is now in the unusual position of being able to pursue a vigorous campaign for professional rates of pay and members have a responsibility to shoulder that role to achieve fair wages for Queensland teachers in the interests of quality education in our schools.

The onus is now on our employers

Employers in the non-government sector have typically hidden behind the state government in the wages debate whilst trying to deny employees the right to exercise protected action under the state jurisdiction.

The onus is now for non-government employers in upcoming collective bargaining negotiations to take the lead by honouring their assertion that professional rates of pay are needed and appropriate.

Our collective voice must stay strong

Achieving professional rates of pay is an issue for all Queensland teachers and to achieve our aim, we must stay determined in our efforts.

QIEU members have overwhelmingly responded to the need for a wages increase and the responsibility is now for Queensland teachers in the non-government sector to do the heavy lifting.

Members are requested to ensure the resolutions to the Queensland Premier are forwarded calling on the state government to commit to professional rates of pay for Queensland teachers.

For those chapters yet to do so a faxback is attached.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Burke'.

TERRY BURKE
GENERAL SECRETARY



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worth fighting for

CHAPTER FAX BACK

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Support for Professional Rates of Pay Campaign

Members, please give your support to the Professional Rates of Pay Campaign by sending a fax to the Premier of Queensland.

School Name:

Town/Suburb:

The Chapter at _____ supports the QTU in their campaign to achieve professional rates of pay and calls upon the Queensland government to commit to paying established interstate benchmarks.

**PLEASE FAX TO
THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND
MS ANNA BLIGH
(07) 3221 3631**