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QELi announces Dr Lee-Anne Perry AM as new Board Member

Mr Henry Smerdon AM, Board Chair, QELI (Queensland Education Leadership Institute) is happy to announce Dr Lee-Anne Perry AM has rejoined the QELi Board.

At a special board meeting on Wednesday, 22 July 2015, Dr Lee-Anne Perry AM was confirmed as a new Board Director. She will become active in this role from Monday, 27 July 2015, when she commences her new role as Executive Director of the Queensland Catholic Education Commission.

Mr Smerdon said, “We are proud to welcome Dr Perry back to the QELi board. As one of QELi’s inaugural Board Directors, she has extensive experience and expertise in strategic business management, education reforms, and cross-sectoral partnerships, which will contribute to QELi’s ability to develop education leadership solutions for schools, regions and sectors throughout Australia and internationally.”

Under QELi’s constitution, a representative from each of the three education sectors must be present on the organisation’s board. Dr Perry replaces Mr Mike Byrne, who recently retired as Executive Director of the Queensland Catholic Education Commission.

Dr Perry was most recently Principal of All Hallows’ School, Brisbane, and has provided outstanding leadership to that community since 1999. Prior to taking up that appointment, Dr Perry served as Principal of Mt Alvernia College, Kedron (1993-1998) and of Mt Carmel College, Wynnum (1990-1992), following a teaching career in state and Catholic schools both in New South Wales and Queensland.

Dr Perry holds a Doctor of Education from the Queensland University of Technology, a Master of Education, Bachelor of Education and Diploma of Christian Leadership.

In 2009, Dr Perry was appointed as the Catholic Religious Australia (Queensland) representative on the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC) and until her recent appointment as Executive Director, was the Deputy Chair of the QCEC. Over many years she has also served the Commission as a member of the QCEC Finance Committee, Executive Committee, Industrial Relations Committee and Political Action Advisory Subcommittee.
In 2014, Dr Perry was awarded the Member (AM) of the Order of Australia and in 2011 was recognised as an outstanding leader by the Australian Council for Educational Leaders. Dr Perry was also awarded Woman of the Year (Brisbane Zonta 2009) and received an Australian Government National Award for Quality Schooling and Excellence as a Principal (2007).

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About QELi

Established as a not-for-profit organisation in June 2010, QELi helps develop education leaders to improve student outcomes. Attracting participants from across Australia and the world, it is a partnership between the Queensland Department of Education and Training, Queensland Catholic Education Commission and Independent Schools Queensland.