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QELi announces Ms Leanne Nixon as new Board Member

Mr Henry Smerdon AM, Board Chair, QELi (Queensland Education Leadership Institute) is happy to announce Ms Leanne Nixon has been confirmed as a new Board Director. She was confirmed as a board director at a special board meeting this morning, Wednesday 9 September 2015, with immediate effect.

Mr Smerdon said, “We are delighted to welcome Leanne Nixon to the QELi board. Leanne brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise in education and change management, and will be a valuable asset to QELi as we further our mission 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. Ms Nixon replaces Ms Patrea Walton, Deputy Director-General, State Schools, Queensland Department of Education and Training.

Leanne Nixon is currently the Assistant Director-General, State Schools – Performance within the Queensland Department of Education and Training, where her current priority is to develop innovative strategies to drive school improvement.

As an educator for twenty-eight years, Leanne has worked with a range of students in environments across Queensland from the coalfields of Central Queensland to the outback community of Cunnamulla.

She was Foundation Principal of the Queensland Academy for Health Sciences based at Griffith University on the Gold Coast; and gained further insight into a wide range of schools across Queensland during her time as a Teaching and Learning Auditor. She then took up the position of Executive Principal of Calamvale Community College P-12 with 2200 students.

After leading the Independent Public Schools team in Central Office, Leanne was appointed to her current role.

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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.