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The Services Union Welcomes New Open and Transparent IR Laws

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The Services Union welcomes the recent announcement by the State Government for new Industrial Relations (IR) laws which will ensure greater accountability for all Queensland industrial organisations.

The Services Union which represents Queensland workers in local authorities, the social and community sector, the energy, ports and private and rail industries and members working in the North Queensland clerical and administrative sector agree with Attorney-General Jarrod Bleijie's comments that unions occupy a unique position in the industrial relations system.

Secretary of The Services Union Kath Nelson said union members have a right to know where their fees are spent.

"We have always reassured our members, our Union operates in compliance with any applicable government regulation and audit requirements and we will continue with this transparency," Ms Nelson said.

"The Services Union operates under both State and Federal laws, which require an annual audit and the filing of financial reports, which we have always made available to our members."

"Our Union has very strict rules in regards to the reporting of expenditure which is controlled through a number of checks and balances, which all staff must adhere to."

"We have rigorous accounting and governance arrangements already in place and The Services Union will have no difficulty in meeting any additional financial reporting requirements under the new laws," Ms Nelson said.

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