



Deputy Leader of the Opposition

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Dear Ms Simon

Thank you for your letter and warm congratulations.

I am honoured to have been appointed Shadow Minister for Education and Shadow Minister for Women and I thank my colleagues, and Labor's Leader, Bill Shorten, for the faith they have placed in me.

Much remains to be done to achieve equality for Australian women, and ensure they enjoy the same rewards, resources and opportunities as their male counterparts. Women continue to be underrepresented in leadership roles and many areas of the workforce, disadvantaged by the gender pay gap, and their career progression is still disproportionately affected by pregnancy and carer responsibilities.

Our whole nation benefits from the full and equal participation of women in education, work and decision-making, not least through better productivity and competitiveness. Labor is committed to practical action to ensure every Australian has equal opportunity to share in our national prosperity.

I look forward to working with you in the future on this important issue. My office will be in touch shortly to organise a meeting.

My best wishes to all at Women in Adult and Vocational Education.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tanya Plibersek'.

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