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ICPA Qld Positions itself for Election Year

The Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) of Queensland are gearing up to head to delegations in Brisbane and use the opportunity to meet with politicians and representatives from a wide variety of departments and organisations.

Meetings with the Minister for Education and other MP's will once again seek to address the shortfall in the Living Away from Home Allowance Scheme (LAFHAS), as well as recurring issues such as providing a full suite of curriculum options for rural and remote students. All MP's will be presented a copy of the ICPA's position statement which lays out a map of the pillar issues for rural and remote member families.

"With this year being an election year, there has never been a more important time for our government to prove that rural and remote education is of vital importance," stated Tammie Irons, State President. "Parent's are desperately seeking action – the effects of drought continue despite recent rainfall and we urge the Queensland government to relieve the pressure brought about by the rising costs of education."

ICPA State Councillors will deliver the position statement, urging government to assist with strengthening rural and remote communities through education. All areas relating to equal access to education will be discussed ranging from State Delivered Kindergarten through to Tertiary, Trade and Training and everything in between.

ICPA Qld welcome these opportunities to share perspective with those who are unfamiliar with life on the land and look forward to discussions on many key educational issues that pertain to rural and remote families and access to equal opportunities in education.

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