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APPOINTMENT OF NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL WELCOMED

The Territory's Shadow Minister for Women's Policy, Jodeen Carney, has welcomed the announcement that Quentin Bryce will be Australia's next Governor-General.

“Ms Bryce is an outstanding choice; she is well-known and well-respected,” says Ms Carney.

“Her experience in the law, academia, as Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner and as Governor of Queensland put her in good stead for this important role.

“Ms Bryce is the first woman Governor-General, and I’m delighted.

“This appointment sends an important message to girls and women: they can do anything!

“I congratulate the Prime Minister on making this historic announcement, which has been welcomed by both sides of politics, and women Members of Parliament from all around the country.

“No doubt the Prime Minister is conscious of the fact that there is still only one woman sitting on the bench of the High Court….’

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