



6th Annual QPILCH “Walk for Justice” Tuesday 14 May 2013, 7am

The Hon Paul de Jersey AC Chief Justice

It is a matter of great joy for me that this, the first substantial gathering on this magnificent plaza, is in acknowledgement of the wonderful work facilitated by QPILCH – and indeed its sibling organizations around the world, whose supporters walk in step with us today in many other cities, including London where the walk is led by the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, and the metropolitan cities of our nation.

For over six consecutive years in Brisbane, we have joined at this time to declare publicly in this way, in Law Week, our support for enhanced access to civil justice. Themis has no significance for those who cannot tap into this refined system for the vindication of personal rights.

The walk is a powerful annual demonstration of that commitment, and the composition of the group reflects that, from the first law officer of the State our Attorney-General, through all ranks of the profession, to the student aspirants.

I thank all of you who, by your pro bono publico support, facilitate the various programmes coordinated by QPILCH, and I respectfully commend the voluntary committee of the organization, and its staff led by the inspiring Tony Woodyatt.

I am proud to lead a profession which, in these ways, expresses practical support for our less privileged and less resourced fellow citizens.