



bright future - shining stars

This is a question for Melissa. I know you're the past President of Engineers Australia, the Queensland Division, and I read recently that engineer graduates are earning more when they graduate than doctors and lawyers. If we take away whether you've got all the skill set or not, I would imagine that that's pretty attractive, and also I understand that over half the membership base in Queensland are men under 35. Do you see a time when we could see more female engineers changing the membership base of Engineers Australia and is the money as good as they say it is?

Melissa Griffith

Yeah, the money's really great at the moment. Not saying that that should be your motivation to do something but yeah, graduates are earning lots, lots more than when I started and senior engineers are as well because there's a real shortage of engineers in Australia so we're desperate for people to come and do engineering but at the moment, the people in engineering are earning decent money so it's definitely true and at the moment, women are under represented in engineering and that's not for any good reason at all because they're equally as capable as men at doing the job and it's interesting, a lot of the women I know who are doing engineering are doing really well and they're doing great, interesting work and I'd love to see more women members in Engineers Australia. I'd love to see this room full of women like this, it'd be fantastic so yeah, it'd be great. Yeah, I'd really encourage you to think about it.



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