



# **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**RITA SAFFIOTI MLA  
MEMBER FOR WEST SWAN**



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## **TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR OUTSTANDING BUSINESS WOMEN**

Local Member for West Swan Rita Saffioti today called for public recognition of outstanding local business women by urging the community to nominate them for the 2011 Telstra Business Women's Awards.

The Awards, which celebrate the achievements of amazing and inspirational business women, are now open for the 17<sup>th</sup> year.

Ms Saffioti said the Awards program is an excellent opportunity to uncover the best business women and acknowledge the contribution they make within the community.

"The Awards are open to all business women to participate, whether they are business owners, executives and employees in the private and corporate sector or leaders in community and government organisations," she said.

"Our community has many local business women who make a positive impact on countless lives every day. Nominating them for the Awards recognises the inspiration they have given to other women to reach and exceed their goals."

Last year Ms Saffioti congratulated Malaga businesswoman Tracy Teo on being awarded as a finalist in the 2010 Telstra Western Australian Business Women's Awards.

Ms Teo was one of four finalists in the Commonwealth Bank Business Owner Telstra Business Women's Awards.

In 2003, Ms Teo opened the doors to her own business, the Australia-International Institute of Workplace Training (AIWT). AIWT is a registered training organisation offering nationally-recognised courses in business management, occupational health and safety and education and childcare.

Nominations for the Awards can be made at [www.telstrabusinesswomensawards.com](http://www.telstrabusinesswomensawards.com) or by contacting Ms Saffioti's office on (08) 9248 3822 for a nomination form.

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