

NEWS RELEASE



The Hon. Graham West MP
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CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WANT A SAY!

Minister for Youth Graham West is calling for young people wanting to make a difference to nominate themselves for the 2009 NSW Youth Advisory Council.

Mr West said the Council provides a direct avenue of communication between young people and the NSW Government.

"The Council gives young people an opportunity to express their views and advise the NSW Government on issues that matter to all young people," Mr West said.

"It's a great way to make sure your voice is heard, and as the new Minister for Youth, I am keen to listen."

Mr West said the Council advises Government on the planning, development and implementation of government policies and programs relating to young people.

"It also monitors and evaluates government legislation, and consults with young people, community groups and government authorities on issues and policies that affect young people in NSW."

Mr West encouraged young people to have a say by applying to become a member of the Council.

"Policies and programs that are made for the youth of NSW need to be relevant to their needs. This is why it's essential for young people to get involved," Mr West said.

The NSW Government is looking for young people aged 12 to 25 years who have a keen interest in youth affairs to nominate themselves to become a member of the Council.

Application forms and information on the Youth Advisory Council are available at www.youth.nsw.gov.au, by emailing yac@community.nsw.gov.au or by calling 02 9716 2844.

Applications close on 10 October 2008.

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