

The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services

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CASTLE HILL YOUTH ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR THE NSW YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams announced applications for the 2018 NSW Youth Advisory Council (YAC) are now open.

The NSW YAC has a statutory role to advise the NSW Government on issues of importance to young people, as well as monitor and evaluate youth-related policies and legislation.

Council members are sought from diverse locations, backgrounds and life experiences.

Mr Williams said the NSW YAC provides an important avenue for children and young people in the local area to have a say on Government policies and programs.

"I encourage young people in Castle Hill to apply to represent local youth and have a say on issues important to our community.

"The feedback received from the Council plays an important role in assisting the NSW Government develop effective policies and programs."

The 12 person Council meets regularly throughout the year to monitor and evaluate policies and legislations that affect young people.

One of the key roles of the NSW YAC is to provide advice to the Advocate for Children and Young People. They also meet with various NSW Government Departments, and help organise events such as they did for IDEATION 2017 and Youth Week.

"I would definitely urge young people to get involved and become one of the 2018 NSW YAC leaders," Mr Williams said.

Council membership is open to all NSW residents between the ages of 12 and 24.

For more information and application forms please visit the Advocate for Children and Young People's website www.acyp.nsw.gov.au or by call (02) 9248 0970. Please note that applications close at **11.59pm** on **Saturday 30 September 2017**.

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