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NSW GOVERNMENT CALLS FOR YOUNG REGIONAL ADVISORS

Country Labor Convenor Christine Robertson today urged young people across country NSW to send in their nominations for the 2010 NSW Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

Ms Robertson said the Youth Advisory Council was one of the most effective ways young people from rural and regional NSW could get involved in Government decision-making.

“The Rees Government wants to listen to young people and involve them in the decisions that affect their lives,” Ms Robertson said.

“The Youth Advisory Council is looking for six young people between the ages of 12 and 24 to take part in the Government decision making process.

“The Youth Advisory Council, which is appointed annually and consists of 12 members in total, meets eight times a year.

“Over the course of the year, Council members have the chance to consult with youth groups, Government authorities and community organisations on issues and policies that concern young people.

“Members can also conduct youth forums on issues of interest, monitor Government policies and advise the Minister for Youth on the planning and development of new programs.”

Ms Robertson said previous Youth Advisory Councils have assisted the Government with advice on issues such as identity, work, safety, racism and disabilities.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for young people from the country to get involved, have a say, be heard and have fun,” Ms Robertson said.

“Most importantly, it’s vital that we have Council representatives from regional NSW onboard ensuring that the issues affecting country communities are heard.

“Applicants can be from anywhere across the state so I’d strongly encourage young people from regional NSW to take advantage of this opportunity and apply today.”

Applications close on Friday 16 October 2009.

For more information contact the Acting YAC Executive Officer on 02 9286 7206 or go to <http://www.youth.nsw.gov.au/yac>

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