"YOUNG TERRITORIANS HAVE THEIR SAY IN YOUTH PARLIAMENT"

"The voices of our youth will take over the Northern Territory Parliament next week when they participate in Youth Parliament" said the Honourable Kezia Purick, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

"This year's Youth Parliament will be co-ordinated by the YMCA and will involve 18 young Territorians from remote communities and urban centres".

Ms Purick said the aim of Youth Parliament was to provide a forum where young Territorians can debate issues that are important to them and their future.

"The Youth Parliamentarians will debate a number of Bills which they will formally present to me at the end of their parliamentary proceedings".

"It could be that these bills are then considered sometime in the future by the Northern Territory Government to become laws. Given the real life scenario, Youth Parliament is an excellent avenue for the Government to hear the voices of our young people and to hear firsthand the issues that directly impact on their lives".

Ms Purick said Youth Parliament also allows participants to learn about leadership development and improve their writing and oral skills as they prepare their speeches and debating notes.

The Youth Parliament will conduct parliamentary proceedings in the Chamber on Tuesday 9th July and Thursday 11 July, commencing at 9am and finishing in the late afternoon.

"I welcome members of the public to attend and watch tomorrow's leaders in action at Youth Parliament".

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