Ngaree Ah Kit, Member for Karama

**Young Territorians consult on hot issues**

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Members of Parliament are this weekend meeting with the 2017 Northern Territory Youth Round Table to consult with them on issues faced by young people in the Territory and discuss key government reforms.

Assistant Minister for Youth, Ngaree Ah Kit, said this year’s Youth Round Table provide ideas that can directly contribute to government decision-making.

“The Youth Round Table is an important avenue for young people to have a voice in the Territory on issues they face, as well as to offer their perspectives on broader social and economic issues,” Ms Ah Kit said.

“It is their voice that will guide Government decisions, as what our government invests in now will shape the world that our young Territorians live in, and their children live in.”

Minister for Territory Families, Dale Wakefield will lead discussions with support from Assistant Minister Ah Kit, Minister Eva Lawler, and Paul Kirby MLA, to consult on key reforms such as after-hours youth services in their regions, how to attract more young people to community events, education pathways and Darwin CBD revitalisation.

“These matters are all very relevant to young Territorians now and into the future, and we will be following up with the Round Table at their next meeting on their peers’ broader input into these topics,” Ms Ah Kit said.

The Youth Round Table meets four times per year to provide advice and solutions to government and inform the development of youth policies, programs and services throughout the Territory.

“Youth Round Table members consult regularly with their community so they can focus on issues that are most important for them,” Ms Ah Kit said.

“The Northern Territory Youth Round Table celebrates 20 years this year which is a testament to the contribution that our young representatives make.

“Every change the Youth Round Table has contributed to over the past 20 years, no matter how small it may seem, has had impact on the Territory’s future generations.”
“I am very excited to be able to work closely with this years’ team and see the contribution these young leaders make.”

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