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RIVERINA YOUNG PEOPLE TO ADVISE NSW GOVERNMENT ON BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

Young people in the Riverina will this week take part in consultation sessions where they can ensure that the NSW Government is up to speed on current issues of importance to youth in the region.

The Minister responsible for Youth Affairs, Victor Dominello MP said the Better Futures consultation sessions in the Riverina on June 23-24, had been arranged by the NSW Youth Advisory Council with the support of the NSW Government.

“Young people in regional NSW communities have opinions that matter and a voice that deserves to be heard,” Mr Dominello said.

“I have asked the NSW Youth Advisory Council to find out how young people participate in their local communities and how they are supported.

Member for Wagga Wagga, Daryl Maguire MP said this was a great opportunity for young people in his electorate.

“This is a great opportunity for these young people to provide input into public policy, including how youth funding should be allocated and I encourage them to speak their minds,” Mr Maguire said.

“The young people attending these consultation sessions can make sure that the Government is aware of the current issues that are important to them. There will also be the opportunity to talk about what it is like to live in regional and rural NSW.

Minister Dominello described the Youth Advisory Council one of the NSW Government’s key vehicles for consultation with the State’s young people. It is made up of 12 young people aged between 12 and 25 from across the State.

“The Youth Council is part of the NSW Government’s commitment to fostering real dialogue and involvement with the youth sector.”

The two members of the Youth Advisory Council leading the Better Futures consultations in the Riverina are Emma Byrne, aged 20 from Uranquinty and Maydina Penrith, aged 22 from Griffith.

The consultations will take place in Griffith and Temora on Thursday 23 June and in Wagga Wagga on Friday 24 June.