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NSW GOVERNMENT IN SEARCH OF THE ‘Y’ FACTOR

Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello MP today announced a NSW-wide search for young people with a keen interest in youth affairs to join the 2012 NSW Youth Advisory Council.

“The Youth Advisory Council is a great way for young people to be involved in Government decision-making,” said Mr Dominello, the Minister responsible for Youth Affairs in NSW.

“The Council is made up of 12 young people aged between 12 and 24 years. It’s a direct line of communication between young people and the NSW Government.

“Their unique insights, views and advice to Government help the development of youth-related policies and programs for regional and metropolitan areas of NSW.

“The group meets regularly throughout the year to discuss a range of relevant topics, as well as monitoring and evaluating policy and legislation which affects young people,” Mr Dominello said.

Mr Dominello said advertisements inviting young people to apply for the 2012 NSW Youth Advisory Council would appear in a range of metropolitan, regional and ethnic newspapers.

“I want Council members to come from a diversity of geographical, cultural and life experiences which reflect the diversity of young people in NSW,” Mr Dominello said.

“That means we’re after a balance of young people from metropolitan, regional and rural areas; young men and women; young Aboriginal people; young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; and young people with experience in a range of youth and community organisations.

“The Youth Advisory Council will make an important and valuable contribution to the NSW Government’s work and the way we deliver services for young people in NSW,” Mr Dominello said.

Information and application forms for membership of the Youth Advisory Council are available on the NSW Government Youth website www.youth.nsw.gov.au/yac or from the Executive Officer, Youth Advisory Council, yac@yac.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9995 0532.

The closing date for submission of applications is Monday, 24 October 2011 at 5pm. Appointments to the Youth Advisory Council are for a period of up to two years. It is anticipated appointments will be announced in January 2012.