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DIVERSE YOUNG PEOPLE SHARE UNITED GOAL

Minister responsible for Youth Victor Dominello MP has today held his first meeting with the 2012 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) who have been selected to ensure the views of young people are heard at the highest levels of Government.

In announcing the 2012 YAC membership Minister Dominello reflected on the wide level of diversity and experience among this year’s group.

“This year’s Council members come from diverse geographic and cultural backgrounds and bring a wide range of life experiences to the table – be it as a student, worker, volunteer, young parent, child of immigrants or target of bullying.

“One thing all the Council members have in common is a demonstrated desire to take action for positive change in their communities.

“The NSW Government is privileged to be able to tap into the first hand experiences of these young people in participating in today’s highly diverse society,” Mr Dominello said.

Eight new members have joined the YAC this year:

- Rhett Burraston of Airds, age 20
- Daniel Conifer of Warwick Farm, age 20
- Rosemarie Costi of Riverview, age 18
- Delfina Dimoski of Kanahooka, age 20
- Alexander Leighton of Gloucester, age 18
- Nathan Inwood of Bathurst, age 18
- Marie Nemani of Kogarah, age 15
- Melissa Wolfshoerndl of Richmond, age 17

A further four members have been re-appointed for another term:

- Emma Byrne of Uranquinty, age 21 (Chair)
- Dev Bhutani of Kellyville, age 21 (Deputy Chair)
- Robert Barrie of Ambarvale, age 18
- Amna Karra-Hussan of Granville, age 23

“The 2012 YAC will provide advice to me on issues affecting young people and will be called upon regularly to discuss a range of topics, as well as monitoring and evaluating policy and legislation which affects young people.

“I congratulate all 2012 YAC members and look forward to working with them over the year ahead and listening to their views on how the NSW Government can best support young people in this State,” Mr Dominello said.