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Speak Up! HAVE YOUR SAY ON CHILD AND YOUTH ADVOCACY IN NSW

Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello today announced the start of state wide consultations to determine the best ways to advocate for children and young people in NSW.

“The NSW Government is committed to strong advocacy that promotes the interests of children and young people,” Mr Dominello said.

“During July and August the NSW Commission for Children and Young People will ask organisations and individuals to have a say on the best ways children and young people can have their views heard, especially about issues and decisions affecting them.”

Mr Dominello, who is Minister responsible for Youth Affairs, said that Youth Ambassadors have been appointed to help guide the Speak Up! consultations.

The consultation initiative includes a designated web page, a Discussion Paper and an online survey located on the NSW Government’s Have Your Say portal at www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au

The web page has a link to a child-friendly survey on the Your Space section of the Commission’s website at www.kids.nsw.gov.au.

A series of roundtable meetings will bring together 40 to 50 children, young people and adults from schools, non-government organisations, local councils, TAFE institutes and universities to discuss ideas for stronger collaboration on policy and advocacy for children and young people.

Up to 30 primary and high schools will also be directly involved in completing activities related to the consultations.

“A final report, to be handed to the NSW Government in September, will be used to develop the best model for a strong and effective voice for children and young people in NSW,” Mr Dominello said.

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