



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

Media Statement

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MOUNT ISA YOUTH PARLIAMENT PARTICIPANTS CONGRATULATED

Students from Mount Isa and Burketown participated in the Mount Isa Youth Parliament which was held at Mount Isa today. The Speaker of the Queensland Parliament, Hon Peter Wellington MP, officially opened proceedings of the youth parliament this morning and then chaired its first and closing sessions.

Mr Wellington congratulated all of the students and schools that participated in the Mount Isa Youth Parliament, saying that the event provided all with a valuable experience of how Queensland's democratic processes work in their lives.

"On behalf of the Queensland Parliament, I thank the youth members from across the Mount Isa region for all of their hard work in preparing for this event and for having their say on the issues that matter to them.

"It has been a great privilege to preside over and observe the Mount Isa Youth Parliament and I hope that the students participating today will be inspired by this youth parliament and take on an even greater role in Queensland's democratic process," Mr Wellington said.

Today's event at the Mount Isa Civic Centre saw 70 students from seven Mount Isa schools and from Burketown State School participating as Youth Members. In addition, there were approximately 40 students, teachers and parents in attendance observing the event.

Mr Wellington said that the Youth Parliamentarians debated two motions, the first on the introduction of healthy eating measures in schools and the second on education and employment opportunities for students. Students then had the opportunity to speak on matters of importance to them and their community.

"The Youth Members did a wonderful job, speaking from the heart and raising many important issues that face young people from across the region," Mr Wellington said.

"I and my fellow Member of Parliament, Mr Robbie Katter MP, who helped chair today's debate, were most impressed by the standard of speeches and the passion shown."

The participating schools were:

Burketown State School
Townview State School
Happy Valley State School
St Kieran's Catholic Primary School

Central State School
Barkly Highway State School
Healy State School
St Joseph's Primary School

The Queensland Parliament organises and facilitates youth parliament events across Queensland each year.

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