



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

Media Statement

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LEGAL STUDIES YOUTH PARLIAMENT PARTICIPANTS CONGRATULATED

Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies students from as far away as Toowoomba and Hervey Bay joined students from the metropolitan region and the south east corner, in a youth parliament held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber today. The Speaker of the Queensland Legislative Assembly, Hon Peter Wellington MP, officially opened proceedings of the youth parliament this morning and then chaired its first and closing sessions.

Mr Wellington congratulated the 23 schools and 93 students who participated in the 2017 Legal Studies Youth Parliament, saying that the event provided all with a valuable experience of how Queensland's democratic processes work in their lives.

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

Mr Wellington said the Youth Parliamentarians debated a mock bill which proposed a comprehensive environmental sustainability program to be undertaken by students in Year 12, a ban on plastic packaging in schools and the banning of cars at schools during drop off and pick up times. Students then had the opportunity to speak on matters of importance to them and their community.

"The Youth Members raised a number of very challenging ideas during what was a robust debate," Mr Wellington said.

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

The participating schools were:

- Centenary Heights State High School
- Brigidine College
- Caloundra City Private School
- Calvary Christian College
- Citipointe Christian College
- Cleveland District State High School
- Fraser Coast Anglican College
- Grace Lutheran College
- Hillcrest Christian College
- James Nash State High School
- Marsden State High School
- Mitchelton State High School
- Narangba Valley State High School
- Rochedale State High School
- San Sisto College
- Shailer Park State High School
- Somerville House
- St Eugene College
- St Joseph's College Gregory Tce
- St Patrick's College Shorncliffe
- Sunnybank State High School
- Woodcrest State College
- Yeronga State High School

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

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