

MEDIA ALERT

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth

Chair: Annette Ellis MP Deputy Chair: Hon Judi Moylan MP

## Impact of violence on young Territorians

Northern Territory youth will talk via audio-link to the House of Representatives Family and Youth Committee on Wednesday 17 March about the perceptions and realities of violence occurring among young people in the Territory and its impact.

The Committee will hear from representatives of the NT Youth Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians - an advisory body made up of young people aged between15 and 25 years from across the Territory that provide a link between young Territorians and the Northern Territory Government.

Round Table members met in February 2010 to consider issues associated with youth violence in the Territory Wednesday's public hearing will allow these young Territorians to provide the Committee with feedback on their discussions and the outcomes of their deliberations.

"The Committee is keen to learn from young people living in the Northern Territory about their experiences of violence, and to know what young Territorians themselves believe can and should be done by governments and by the community to reduce levels of violence and lessen its impact", said Committee Chair Annette Ellis.

"I anticipate that this public hearing will give the Committee a valuable insight into the lives of young people living in the Northern Territory", she also said.

## PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM (Teleconference)

Wednesday, 17 March 2010 Committee Room 2R2, Parliament House, Canberra

10:10am Youth Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians

This hearing will be webcast live on: http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/

Further details are provided on the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/fchy

**For media comment**, please contact the Committee Chair, Ms Annette Ellis on (02) 6293 1344 (electorate office).

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