

A strong voice for our future

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Chance for more young Queenslanders to have their say

Young people from across Central Queensland who are interested in being a voice for youth and shaping Queensland's future can apply now to be a member of the Queensland Youth Engagement Panel (QYEP).

Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister said applications were now open for Queenslanders aged 16 to 25 years to fill three positions on the QYEP, which was set up in February last year as a way to actively involve young people in government and policy development.

"Since we established the Queensland Youth Engagement Panel a year ago, panel members from around the state have brought their experience and perspectives to the table, helping to shape and develop initiatives like Queensland Youth Week, health campaigns for young people, our cyberbullying initiatives and our Youth Engagement Charter," she said.

"This is a great opportunity for any young person from CQ who wants to play an active role in shaping government policies and initiatives as a representative of young people from our community, together with a fantastic group of young people who are already on the panel."

Other youth initiatives being delivered include:

- Queensland Youth Strategy
- Queensland Youth Indigenous Leadership Program
- YMCA Youth Parliament
- Queensland Youth e-Hub

There are three vacancies available on the 11-strong panel which was established in 2019. Applications are now open and will close on Wednesday 11 March.

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The panel meets 3 times a year face-to-face in Brisbane. Travel and accommodation costs to attend the meeting for young people outside of Brisbane will be covered.

For more information on the QYEP visit www.qld.gov.au/youth-engagement-panel

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