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# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Two Local Youth to attend National Youth Roundtable in Canberra

Member for New England, Tony Windsor, is delighted to advise two local representatives will be attending a roundtable discussion at Parliament House, Canberra on Thursday 22 October 2009 at the invitation of the Minister for Youth, the Hon Kate Ellis.

Cameron Young of Tamworth and Cr Adam Marshall of Gunnedah will be travelling to Canberra to participate in the roundtable discussion which will focus on rural and regional youth issues.

Last month the Prime Minister joined the Minister for Youth, Kate Ellis to launch a new youth blog and kick off consultations for a new National Strategy for Young Australians. The Prime Minister remarked that 'The Government is developing a plan for young Australians – with young Australians – so that all young Australians are safe, healthy, confident and resilient, with the skills and supports they need to build their own futures'.

These roundtable consultations are part of the Government's national strategy for young Australians, with young Australians. It is also part of the national health reform agenda for the future which aims to embrace seven core priorities.

1. Empowering young Australians in their schools, their TAFEs and their Universities to shape their own futures.
2. Supporting young Australians within their families.
3. Mobilising young Australians within their communities.
4. Enabling young Australians to participate safely and confidently online.
5. Equipping young Australians with the skills and personal networks they need for employment.
6. Strengthening early intervention with young Australians to help prevent any problems getting worse and to help young people get their lives back on track.
7. Establishing clear cut legal consequences for behaviours that endanger the safety of others

I wish Cameron and Adam every success at this roundtable forum and I am confident they will be able to effectively communicate a range of youth issues, particularly those affecting young people in country areas.

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