

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Youth Council

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**New South Wales
Aboriginal Land Council**

BACKGROUND

As part of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (“NSWALC”) initiative to build productive and meaningful partnerships and to develop strong leadership, good governance, integrity and accountability, NSWALC is currently seeking applications from young Aboriginal people who are interested in becoming part of the Youth Advisory Council (“the Youth Council”).

WHAT WILL A YOUTH COUNCIL DO?

This will be a diverse group of 18 young Aboriginal people from across NSW who will:

- Provide information and advice to NSWALC on matters relating to young Aboriginal people and Land Rights in NSW. This advice will be based on both individual experience and on consultation with other young Aboriginal people;
- Provide information and advice to your local and regional communities on matters relating to young Aboriginal people and Land Rights in NSW. This may involve assisting with and facilitating consultations with community within your respective NSWALC region, and advocating across communities on the needs and issues of young Aboriginal people; and
- Undertake other projects and activities, as agreed by the Youth Council and the NSWALC.

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WHAT WE REQUIRE FROM YOU?

In order to make this a transparent and merit based process, the following conditions for applicants have been developed.

Please consider them carefully before submitting your Expression of Interest (“EOI”):

1. Applicants must be a member of a Local Aboriginal Land Council, or is able to demonstrate they are in the process of becoming a member of a Local Aboriginal Land Council;
2. Applicants must be between 18 and 25 years of age;
3. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to actively participating on the Youth Council, (includes willingness to travel and attend Regional and State-wide meetings as required); and
4. Applicants must demonstrate the willingness to learning and personal development (some training and mentoring will be provided to members of the Youth Council).

WHAT AREAS ARE REREPESENTED?

Two places will be made available for a young Aboriginal person from each of the following NSWALC regions:

Central Region, North Coast Region, Sydney / Newcastle Region, Central Coast Region, North West Region, Western Region, Northern Region, South Coast Region, and Wiradjuri Region.

Young Aboriginal people from these groups wishing to submit an EOI to be a member of the Youth Council can strengthen their EOI by providing letters of support or recommendation from individuals or organisations within their communities.

The selection process for Youth Council members will take into account the importance of including a range of experiences from young Aboriginal people to ensure diversity on the Youth Council.

TIME COMMITMENT

This is a pilot project with the Youth Council established for a one year period.

Throughout the pilot period the Youth Council will be reviewed on meeting its primary functions as described in the Youth Council Terms of Reference.

Being part of the Youth Council will require a time commitment from its members. The amount of work the Council undertakes will depend on the individuals involved and their interest areas. However, there will be a minimum requirement of:

- Up to five days of training (concessions may be provided in some instances):
 - o Governance
 - o Mentoring
 - o Media
 - o Leadership
- Quarterly meetings (3 day sittings) of the Youth Council, which will also require some preparation time;
- Regional forums within your respective Region, where required;
- Meetings or discussions (via email or telephone) with the Councillor from your respective Region, and other Youth Council members; and
- Time for any other activities or projects that the Youth Council agrees to take on.

It is important that you be realistic about whether you have the time to offer the Youth Council as it is something that needs to be developed as a group over the year.

WHEN WILL WE MET?

Important dates to note are:

- Youth Council 1st quarterly meeting in December 2009 – Induction workshop and training will be delivered at this sitting (15 to 17 December);
- Youth Council 2nd quarterly meeting in March 2010 (date TBC);
- Youth Council 3rd quarterly meeting in July 2010 (date TBC); and
- Youth Council 4th quarterly meeting in November 2010 (date TBC).

WHERE WILL WE MEET?

Quarterly meetings (3 day sittings) of the Youth Council will be held at the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council – Head Office at 33 Argyle Street, Parramatta, NSW 2150

Attendance at the Youth Council induction and training are a requirement for joining the Youth Council.

COVERING EXPENSES

The NSWALC will organise and cover the costs of Youth Council members travel and accommodation. Youth Council members will be paid an incidental allowance for each day they are required to attend meetings or training as required by NSWALC.

WHERE DO I GET A EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM?

Expression of Interest forms are available from NSWALC's website at: www.alc.org.au or you can contact Roy Ah-See, Councillor for the Sydney/Newcastle Region of the NSWALC on (02) 4353 5536 or email: roy.ah-see@alc.org.au.

WHEN DOES IT CLOSE?

EOI's must be received by post or email by Friday, 6 November 2009.

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WHERE CAN I GET FURTHER INFORMATION?

For further information regarding the Youth Council, please contact Roy Ah-See, Councillor for the Sydney/Newcastle Region of the NSWALC on (02) 4353 5536 or roy.ah-see@alc.org.au