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**Ipswich Young People eligible for the 2008 YMCA Youth Parliament**

“Nominations are open for young people aged 15 to 25 years to represent Ipswich in the 13<sup>th</sup> YMCA Queensland Youth parliament,” announced the Member for Ipswich Ms Rachel Nolan.

“This program unites young people from around Queensland and educates them about the Parliament’s decision making processes. Each young person can develop skills in public speaking and debating, and learns ways in which they can effectively communicate issues and ideas within the community,” added Ms Nolan.

“This apolitical program helps to equip young people with skills and knowledge that can be used when engaging with government, advocating for young people and working collaboratively on projects.

“Nominations close on Friday 22 February so time is running out to ensure that Ipswich’s fantastic young people are able to take part in this program,” said Ms Nolan.

Further information can be found on the website at [www.ymcagyp.org](http://www.ymcagyp.org) or by calling the Youth Parliament coordinator Jennifer O’Brien on 3253 1704.