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LABOR’S POSITIVE PLANS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson will tonight outline Labor’s positive plans for the future of our young people to a students’ forum at Newcastle University.

A Rudd Labor Government will:

- establish the Australian Youth Forum to give young people a voice with government,
- appoint a Minister for Youth to oversee specific policies for young people, and
- repeal John Howard’s unfair electoral laws that will deny up to 150,000 mostly younger Australians the right to vote at this election.

“These are specific proposals to help young people play their part in our democracy,” Ms Grierson said.

“We are also committed to tackling the big national issues that young people tell us are important to their future.”

“We will tackle climate change by signing the Kyoto Protocol, investing in clean coal technology and establishing a \$50 million Australian Solar Institute right here in Newcastle.”

“We will ensure young people have the skills they need to find a job with an education revolution that includes new trades training centres in all of Newcastle’s high schools.”

“We will make our workplace laws fair, balanced and productive - getting rid of John Howard’s WorkChoices laws and AWAs that have hurt young workers.”

“And we will invest in health infrastructure, a National Broadband Network and solutions to the housing affordability crisis.”

“Labor is committed to giving young people a voice in our society, and to tackling the big national issues that will affect their future.”

Sharon will address students at a forum at Edwards Hall, University of Newcastle, at 7.30pm

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