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NEW PLAN TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN NSW

Today, the Advocate for Children and Young People, Ms Zoë Robinson, launches a new Strategic Plan for Children and Young People that aims to ensure that all children and young people have the supports they need from government, business and community to thrive.

“This is a bold and hopeful Plan, it is a commitment to all children and young people in NSW that we will work together to build a state where they can thrive,” Ms Robinson said.

“Informed by the voices of more than 41,000 children and young people, the Plan highlights the key issues that children and young people have articulated and provides a clear roadmap that responds to their stated needs by identifying relevant Government priorities and initiatives,” Ms Robinson added.

Chair of the NSW Youth Advisory Council, Lua Pellegrini, said that the Plan indicates the growing importance that the NSW Government are placing on listening and responding to children and young people.

“I am proud of this Plan and proud to say I was involved in the consultations that have underpinned its development. It recognises that children and young people are the here and now and that by improving policies, programs and services to support children and young people we build a better NSW for everyone,” 20 year-old Ms Pellegrini from Western Sydney said.

The NSW Strategic Plan for Children and Young People 2022-2024 will be implemented over a three year period, with annual tracking reports and a review process at the end of the three-year phase.

“This isn’t just a Plan for government to commit to, we can all commit to doing better for the children and young people in our lives. We want to build a society where every child is heard, seen and has everything they need to thrive,” Ms Robinson said.

The core commitments of the Plan are to build a future where every child has, hope for the future, love connection and safety, health and wellbeing, respect and acceptance, a good standard of living and environments for joy and fun.

“To launch the Plan we are on-site at Julia Reserve in Oran Park, the embodiment of an environment for joy and fun and we have young people taking part in mental health and wellbeing workshops at today’s launch too. We will continue to bring opportunities to children and young people across NSW under the framework of this Plan,” Ms Robinson added.

To read the Plan visit www.acyp.nsw.gov.au

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