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LOCAL STUDENTS APPOINTED TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON YOUTH ISSUES

Maggie Malak of Epping and Tim Quadrio of Eastwood have been appointed to the 2008 NSW Youth Advisory Council to advise the NSW Government on issues that are important to young people, Minister for Youth Linda Burney announced today when she met members of the new council at Parliament House.

Ms Burney said Maggie (20) and Tim (22) are two of 12 inspirational young people to be appointed to the council out of more than 100 applicants.

“The council reports directly to me and I am delighted with the mix of people this year – they come from a wide range of backgrounds from across the state and so bring with them a huge cross-section of concerns and issues,” Ms Burney said.

“Tim and Maggie have demonstrated a real commitment not only to young people, but to the community as a whole.

“Maggie has been a carer since the age of six and this has impacted on her career choice and her ongoing involvement with Carers NSW and Carers Australia. She is a Camp Leader for Young Carer Camps. She is currently undertaking a Certificate IV in Community Services at TAFE and has previously completed a Certificate II and III in Children Services.

“Tim is a third year Law and Arts student at Macquarie University and works as their Outbound Programs Assistant. He recently led a team of 19 students on a voluntary aid expedition to tsunami-affected Southern Thailand.

“He has been a member of the Executive Team of the Oaktree Foundation, President of the Hornsby District Student Representative Council, Member of the Australian National Youth Roundtable and the founding member and then President of the Ryde Youth Council.”

This is Tim’s second year on the Council during 2007 and in this time represented the council on the RTA Road Safety Taskforce.

Ms Burney said the NSW Youth Advisory Council provides a direct avenue of communication between the young people of NSW and the NSW Government.

“They are working with NSW Government to make changes that enhance the wellbeing and future of all young people in NSW.”

“I congratulate Maggie and Tim on their appointment to the 2008 NSW Youth Advisory Council.”

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