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LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE INVITED TO GET *INVOLVED*

Heidi Victoria, Member for Bayswater, has invited local young people aged 12-25 years to apply to join the Victorian Coalition Government's Youth Ministerial Advisory Committee – *Involve*.

Mrs Victoria said the *Involve Committee* would give 19 young Victorians the chance to have input into government decision-making by providing direct advice and feedback on issues affecting young people.

"It is vital that we provide young people with opportunities to make their opinions and views known, particularly in our outer suburbs," Mrs Victoria said.

The *Involve Committee* is made up of eight young people aged 12 to 17, eight aged 18 to 25, and one youth representative each from the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria, the Centre for Multicultural Youth and the Koorie Youth Council.

Minister for Youth Affairs Ryan Smith said the Coalition Government was committed to listening to the voices of young Victorians.

"It is important we listen to and provide opportunities for young Victorians to fully participate and get involved in their community and government decision-making.

"The *Involve* committee is part of the Coalition Government's youth engagement strategy which includes the Engage! grants, Youth Parliament, Shape It! and National Youth Week.

"*Involve* also provides young Victorians with the opportunity to meet with community leaders and develop skills and networks through training," Mr Smith said.

For more information about *Involve* and to download an application form go to www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/involve

Applications close 11 March 2013.