

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

ACT 2008

(Brought in by Hobart College and Rosny College)

An Act for the appointment of two Youth Representatives to the lower house of the Tasmanian Parliament.

Be it considered by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Youth Parliament of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Youth Representative Act 2008*.

Commencement

2. This Act commences one year after it receives Royal Assent.

Interpretation

3. In this Act:
 - “*Youth*” means any person aged between 16 and 25 years
 - “*Youth Council*” means any official local government youth advisory group.

Candidates

4. Each Youth Council in Tasmania may choose a candidate for the two youth representative positions within the House of Assembly.

Electoral Process

5. Each Youth Council in Tasmania will vote using the Hare-Clark system to select the two youth representatives.

Eligibility

6. To be eligible for election, a candidate must be:
 - a) Aged between 18 and 24 years;
 - b) A member of an official Youth Council in Tasmania; and
 - c) Not be affiliated with any political party.

Powers of the Youth Representatives

7. The Youth Representatives:
 - a) May speak on any bill provided that they speak only on youth matters as decided by consultation with Youth Councils, if they speak outside these matters the Speaker is to call for order; and
 - b) Do not have the power to vote, as their position is only as a voice in Parliament.

Salary

8. Each youth representative will be paid a nominal sum of \$8 000 per year for their work, this is to be reviewed annually.

Term Limits

9. The maximum period of time any one youth representative can remain in the position is 3 years, upon when they can stand for re-election, or until they turn 25.

SCHEDULE 1 – OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES OF THE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE ACT 2008

- a) To provide a voice for the young people of Tasmania
- b) To encourage young people to stay in Tasmania.