



# CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSIONER



## Youth Environment Forum

In June 2009, the Children & Young People Commissioner (CYPC) co-hosted a Youth Environment Forum with the ACT Commissioner for Sustainability & the Environment, Dr Maxine Cooper.

The purpose of the Forum was to seek the views of children and young people about environmental and sustainability issues of concern, and to talk about innovative ways to resolve some of these issues.

Over 20 children and young people attended the Forum, with topics discussed ranging from 'big picture' issues, such as ensuring the world's future, to more local issues, such as 'green power'.

The top two issues of concerns to participants were 'change of lifestyle' and 'parents', with children and young people saying that there needs to be greater

community awareness and education about how we can all reduce energy and water use, and recycle more products and materials.

Children and young people also said that many of their parents were not concerned enough about the current state of the environment, and that they thought that their parents needed to do more to help make changes.

A report on the outcomes of the Forum was released by the ACT Attorney-General, Mr Simon Corbell, MLA, in August 2009.

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