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**NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK**

**Mr NEIL ROBERTS** (Nudgee—ALP) (10.29 a.m.): We need to ensure that young people are valued as important members of our community and as successful participants in social, cultural and economic life. The participation of young people in government and community decision making is a priority of the Beattie government, highlighted by our strong support of National Youth Week. National Youth Week 2002 aims to celebrate young people's views, ideas and creativity and will focus on promoting a positive image of young people in the broader community. It is an opportunity for young people to highlight their issues and concerns and express their ideas and opinions.

Queensland's involvement in National Youth Week 2002 is being coordinated through the Office of Youth Affairs in the Department of Employment and Training, which will support the implementation of events across Queensland. It will also administer the National Youth Week grants for 2002 that were announced recently by Minister Foley. Grants of up to \$2,000 will be provided to support activities that demonstrate a commitment to National Youth Week objectives. Young people throughout the state could be eligible for grants totalling \$70,000 to organise events and activities for young people during National Youth Week, to be held from 7 to 14 April 2002. Applications close on 14 December.

Time expired.

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