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From: Member for Daly

To: Hon Jinson Charls MLA

Portfolio: Youth, Seniors and Equality

Agency: Department of People, Sport and Culture

Subject: **Northern Suburbs Youth Hub – Local Submissions**

QUESTION:

Can I have a breakdown of the 77 submissions received for the Northern Suburbs Youth Hub Survey; how many were from the Northern Suburbs?

ANSWER:

The Department of People, Sport and Culture (the Department) led consultations with young people, the community, and the youth sector through face-to-face consultations, emails, social media campaigns and letterbox drops to ensure the voices of community are reflected in the development and location of the Youth Hub.

Consultations were held across Darwin and online from 2 June to 14 July 2025. The tools used to collect responses were information stalls, a community information session, stakeholder meetings, written submissions, online surveys, and social media engagement. A combination of targeted and open engagements were delivered, including through:

- Face to face meetings and presentations with
 - 2025 Northern Territory Youth Round Table (consisting of 22 members, of which 12 represented the Darwin region).
 - Our Say Youth Reference Group (consisting of 8 young people, many of whom frequently attend the SHAK Youth Drop In Centre)
 - Northern Territory Youth Parliament participants
 - Darwin and Palmerston Youth Networks
 - Northern Territory Government agencies, including the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure and the Office of the Children's Commissioner.
- Discussion paper and written submissions
- Online survey and written submissions through 'Have Your Say' platform
- Community Information session and presentations
- Information Stalls at Casuarina Square

Submissions were also received from the following Northern Territory-wide organisations, 5 of which operate regular youth activities in the Northern Suburbs:

- Office of the Children's Commissioner
- Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory
- One Percent Program
- The Y Northern Territory

- Pathfinders Northern Territory
- YouthWorX NT
- Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association.

Submissions received through the 'Have Your Say' online survey and paper-based surveys were intended to be anonymous, so data on the location of the respondents was not recorded.