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HON KEZIA PURICK MLA NORTHERN TERRITORY SPEAKER

Speaker's Student Challenge

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Kezia Purick today announced the Speaker's Student Challenge.

'My challenge is to produce a three-minute film clip on the topic *Freedom of Speech in Modern Democracy*,' Ms Purick said.

'It encourages students to consider the principle of freedom of speech and its place in our democracy, including institutions of representative democracy such as the Legislative Assembly,' she said.

Ms Purick said her challenge is open to senior secondary and tertiary students, with entries closing on Friday 14 August.

'We will screen the short-listed finalists at Parliament House Open Day on 19 August.

'The winning entry will be announced on 27 August,' she said.

The student who submits the winning entry will be the Speaker's guest for a sitting day, including dinner for the winner and two guests. The prize also includes an electronic device.

In the event that the winning student is not from Darwin, the prize will include travel and accommodation.

Ms Purick said she was confident that her challenge would attract some creative and thought-provoking entries.

'There has been no shortage of material in the recent past which has brought the issue of freedom of speech to the fore in both national and international dialogue,' she said. Conditions of entry and further details are available on the Legislative Assembly web site: www.nt.gov.au/lant

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