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Elevating youth voices through My First Speech competition

Federal Member for Bass Bridget Archer has called on northern Tasmanian students in years 10 through 12 to have their voices heard in Parliament by entering the My First Speech competition.

“When I am visiting local schools or out in the community, I always come away feeling so optimistic about the future of our country with so many young people passionate about engaging on a wide range of issues,” Mrs Archer said.

“The competition, run by the House of Representatives, is an opportunity for students to consider what they would say if they were a new elected Member of the House, and record themselves presenting the speech on video.”

“Three lucky students from across Australia will be chosen to fly to Canberra and present their speeches live and undertake a program at Parliament House.”

“While I continue to highlight the needs of our community through my own speeches when in Canberra, the competition is a fantastic way for our next generation of community leaders to have a say in national parliament and I would love to see our region represented.”

Entries for the competition open on Monday, 3 July and close at 5pm on Friday, 11 August 2023. More information can be found by visiting www.aph.gov.au/myfirstspeech

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