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The Youth Coalition of the ACT acknowledges the Ngunnawal people as the traditional owners and continuing custodians of the lands of the ACT and we pay our respects to the Elders, families and ancestors.

We acknowledge that the effect of forced removal of Indigenous children from their families as well as past racist policies and actions continues today.

We acknowledge that the Indigenous people hold distinctive rights as the original people of modern day Australia including the right to a distinct status and culture, self-determination and land. The Youth Coalition of the ACT celebrates Ngunnawal culture and the invaluable contribution it makes to our community.

The Youth Coalition of the ACT (Youth Coalition) is the peak youth affairs body in the Australian Capital Territory and is responsible for representing the interests of people aged between 12 and 25 years of age and those who work with them. The Youth Coalition works to actively promote the well being and aspirations of young people in the ACT with particular respect to their political, cultural, economic and social development. The Youth Coalition is represented on many ACT advisory structures and provides advice to the ACT Government on a range of issues related to young people and youth services. For more information phone the Youth Coalition on (02) 6247 3540 or email [info@youthcoalition.net](mailto:info@youthcoalition.net)

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The Youth Coalition of the ACT, the peak body for youth affairs, acknowledges the challenges faced by the ACT Government in developing the ACT Budget 2009 / 10 in light of the current economic crisis, and welcomes the funding for some key initiatives.

However, despite ACT Government assurances to the ACT community that there would be no cuts to services through the 2009 / 10 Budget critical services have in fact been cut by cessation of funding through the Community Inclusion Fund. These include the highly successful Indigenous Numeracy and Literacy Program at the Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation, and the drop-in service at the Multicultural Youth Service. The loss of these services will further isolate some of Canberra's most marginalised young people in an economic environment where risk factors are increasing for all members of the community.

The ACT Budget 2009 / 10 contains a number of promising gains for young people, with a particular focus on infrastructure. The Budget features a number of new initiatives for young people aimed at improving health, sport and recreation in regional areas that are in need of investment.

Several key initiatives have been funded which are outlined below.

### *Young People in Care:*

- \$11 million over four years to support young Canberrans in out of home care.

### *Youth Participation and Engagement:*

- \$20,000 to enable the Youth Advisory Council to provide an ongoing program of consultation with young people; and
- funding for community engagement coordination and activities.

### *Health:*

- Feasibility study into the establishment of a Centre for Adolescent Health;
- Working towards the integrated prevention of chronic disease;
- A Healthy Future Prevention Health program, including a \$200,000 per annum program to reduce tobacco use in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and \$500,000 per annum for a Chlamydia awareness campaign;
- Health workforce development;
- GP workforce initiatives;
- A range of mental health initiatives including:
  - \$2 million in 2009 – 10 to be split 50/50 between government and community services with a focus on psychosocial support;
  - The establishment of a Mental Health Assessment Unit (MHAU);

- provision of mental health training for police, emergency services workers and teachers; and
- The expansion the ACT Forensic Mental Health Court Liaison Team.

### *Homelessness*

- \$10 million over 5 years, providing 20 additional properties to house homeless families and provide them with the necessary supports to sustain their tenancies;
- \$898,000 over 4 years for an initiative to address chronic homelessness (rough sleepers) who will receive community outreach to assist them in to housing and to maintain that housing;
- \$948,000 over 4 years to support for public housing tenants through a targeted program to assist vulnerable families, youth and older people, and Indigenous families to sustain their tenancies and break cycles of homelessness;
- \$1.113 million over 3 years for a *Foyer Model* to establish a service for young people aged 16 to 25 to maintain stable housing and engage with education and employment services;
- \$1.2 million over 4 years for housing and accommodation support initiatives to provide support for people with mental health issues and disorders requiring accommodation support to participate in the community and maintain successful tenancies;
- \$497,000 over 4 years for a central homelessness intake service as a centralised access point for housing and homelessness and would include a common waiting list for public and community housing;
- \$100,000 to support victims of domestic violence: to establish a program to enable women and children who are victims of domestic violence to retain their housing; and
- \$292,000 over 4 years to expand the existing stairwell model program by 10 places, and provide exit points from homelessness services with support in public housing.

The Youth Coalition is concerned about the confusion with regard to funding of existing homelessness services, and calls for clarification around their funding levels, particularly in light of an expectation of increased demand on these services as a result of tough economic times. The Youth Coalition reiterates its calls on the ACT Government to develop a new *Youth Homelessness Action Plan* in order to build on the successful collaboration between the ACT Government and the community and youth sectors of the previous Plan, which expired at the end of 2008.

While the promising new spending initiatives are welcomed, much of the detail is still to come. We implore the ACT Government to take the opportunity to conduct significant consultations with young people and community youth services to identify the best ways in which these resources can be utilised in the Canberra to benefit young people.

### *Youth Sector Viability:*

- The short and long term viability of the youth and community sector has again not been addressed in the 2009/10 Budget. In particular, the reduced indexation for community services from the expected 3.5% to 3.15% puts community sector jobs at risk when demand for services is increasing daily.
- The service system set up to support young people must be viable to address existing and emerging need and to provide targeted support. The Youth Coalition, in it's submission to the 2009/10 Budget called for the following key actions;

- Urgent consideration of each of the 30 recommendations outlined in the ACT Council of Social Service (ACTCOSS) report, *Finding Solutions: Towards the long term viability of the ACT Community Sector*, and;
- Recognition of reported increase in demand and unmet need by increasing the Youth Services Program funding by 25%.

The Youth Coalition supports the ACT Government's commitment to review community sector contracts over the next 18 months to ensure that staff wages and conditions are adequate. Additionally, the review will seek to develop a funding strategy to address identified needs.

Youth and community sector organisations cannot continue to deliver high quality programs and services with staff shortages, high turnovers and an inability to attract suitably qualified or experienced workers.

*Infrastructure:*

- Funding for regional infrastructure including upgrades to Eddison Park, Black Mountain Peninsular and Weston Park;
- The development of a Gunghalin Sports Complex, Gunghalin College Precinct, and initial planning for a Leisure Centre;
- Child and Family Centre in West Belconnen, with a focus on Indigenous families; and
- A health centre in Belconnen.

The Youth Coalition is pleased that the 2009 / 10 ACT Budget addresses some gaps in services, with significant spending commitments, and we look forward to working with the ACT Government and other community stakeholders in implementing the initiatives from this budget that relate to young people and youth services.

The Youth Coalition of the ACT's ACT Budget 2009 / 10 Analysis is divided into three parts:

- Part 1: Media Releases
- Part 2: Expenditure Initiatives
- Part 3: Capital Initiatives (this document)

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**CHIEF MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT**

Initiative, paper, page	Description in budget	Funding	Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification
<p><b>Civic Revitalisation - Development of Civic Master Plan (Feasibility Study)</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 46)</p>	<p>This initiative provides for the development of an integrated action plan to revitalise Canberra City (Civic). Specialist consultancies will consider the interdependencies between future development intentions, parking and traffic generation, public realm improvements and infrastructure upgrades. These studies will set priorities for precinct upgrades aimed at achieving the most cost-effective solutions to improving the appearance and functionality of Civic.</p>	<p>\$200,000 (2009-10)</p>	<p>We support this initiative. In 2005 the Youth Coalition conducted a consultation with young people on safety in civic. We strongly encourage the ACT Government to incorporate these findings into the feasibility study and to conduct further consultations with young people who frequent Civic.</p>
<p><b>Public Art</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 47)</p>	<p>This initiative will provide the enrichment of cultural life to the city through the use of public art. This scheme will assist in the commissioning and installation of major art works in all town centres.</p>	<p>\$1,200,000 (2009-10)  \$1,200,000 (2010-11)</p>	<p>We strongly support the ACT Government's public art program as a means of cultural expression and vitalising public spaces.  We are concerned that this funding ceases in 2011 and would like clarification as to how public art will be funded following this time.</p>

**DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICE**

<b>Initiative, paper, page</b>	<b>Description in budget</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification</b>
<b>Additional Seats and signage at Bus Stops</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 49)	This initiative supplements an existing program to install bus shelters at high priority bus stop locations by providing an additional 80 bus shelter seats and improved bus stop signage. The improvements will enhance the accessibility of public transport to the community.	\$240,000 (2009 -10)	We support this initiative, as it will seek to benefit many young people who use public transport as their primary or only means of transportation.
<b>Cycling, Signage, Footpaths</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 50)	This initiative will provide for a capital upgrades program that will include new on and off-road cycle path and footpath infrastructure, including signage.	\$2,900,000 (2009 -10)  \$2,100,000 (2010-11) \$2,100,000 (2011-12) \$2,100,000 (2012-13)	We support this initiative as cycling is an activity many young people engage in both as a means of recreation and transport.  We encourage the ACT Government to conduct consultations involving young people so as to ensure their safety needs are considered.
<b>Park 'n' Ride and Bike 'n' Ride Facilities in Erindale and Mitchell (Feasibility Study)</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 50)	A feasibility study into new Park'n'Ride and Bike'n'Ride facilities at Erindale and Mitchell will be undertaken. The study will provide recommendations on the appropriate size and location of such facilities, the expected benefits, the expected cost implications, the engineering feasibility, required additional infrastructure or bus arrangements to maximise usage, and potential promotion of new facilities. Park'n'Ride and Bike'n'Ride facilities can reduce car travel, increase bus travel, reduce transport emissions, and ease traffic and parking problems.	\$120,000 (2009-10)	We support this initiative and encourage the ACT Government to include young people in any related consultations.  The 11% increased costs to access ACTION buses must be a key consideration within the study. The findings of the Youth Coalition's consultation with young people on ACTION buses in 2007 may support the consideration of key issues affecting young people within the study.
<b>Kingston - Inner South Library</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 50)	This initiative will provide a shopfront library in the Kingston shopping precinct. The library will deliver easily accessible high demand library services and will act as an access point for the broader library services which are delivered from the bigger town centre libraries. The shopfront library will be	\$890,000 (2009-10)	The Youth Coalition supports increased library services in the Inner South. We encourage the library to also consider the needs of young people in its development and engage them in consultation throughout the process.  We seek further clarification as to what is meant by a

	innovative and follow best practice, especially targeting services to children and seniors.		"shopfront" library.
<b>Canberra CBD Upgrade Program</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 50)	This initiative will strategically revitalise public places in Civic, including the replacement of paving and street furniture around the Melbourne and Sydney Buildings in 2010, and other key areas of the city in future years, which will add to the appeal of the city centre for Canberra residents and visitors.	\$600,000 (2009-10)  \$3,800,000 (2010-11) \$3,800,000 (2011-12) \$3,800,000 (2012-13)	The Youth Coalition welcomes this initiative, as many young people are frequent users of public space.  It is important that consultations conducted for the Civic Masterplan and the CBD upgrade include young people and build on work that has already been undertaken in the area.
<b>Town and District Park Upgrades</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 52)	This initiative will implement key master plan recommendations for improvements to a number of Town and District Parks, including Eddison Park, Black Mt Peninsula and Weston Park. The works will include the construction of additional paths and play space with shade structures and sheltered barbeques.	\$1,500,000 (2009-10)  \$1,500,000 (2010-11) \$1,500,000 (2011-12) \$1,500,000 (2012-13)	The Youth Coalition supports the further development of these public spaces in consultation with young people.  Recent commitments by the ACT Government to develop a youth plaza at Eddison Park are encouraging. We look forward to being part of ongoing developments along with youth services such as Woden Youth Centre, and young people.
<b>Motorsport Funding</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 52)	This initiative will implement the ACT Motorsport Strategy to assist in the development and growth of Motorsport in the ACT, including the development of an off-road motorcycle riding area and a fund to invest and grow existing and new facilities and events, and the management of Motorsport in the Territory.	\$500,000 (2009-10)	The Youth Coalition supports the investment in Motorsport as a recreational activity for young people in the ACT.
<b>Grant for Development of a New Basketball Centre and Player Amenities</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 52)	This initiative will provide funding towards a new facility to increase the space available for basketball competition and training in the ACT, providing a central focus for high performance programs and improving the administration capacity of Basketball ACT. The grant is recognition that a contribution to the construction will need to be made by all partners representing basketball interests.	\$500,000 (2009-10)  \$2,500,000 (2010-11)	The Youth Coalitions supports this initiative as an investment in sport and recreation for young people.  We look forward to hearing further details about where it will be based, its development plan and how young people and key stakeholders will be involved.
<b>Gungahlin Enclosed Oval (Sports Complex)</b>	This initiative will construct an irrigated playing surface that will accommodate all	\$1,000,000 (2009-10)	The Youth Coalition strongly supports the announced investment by the ACT Government in the Gungahlin

(Budget Paper 5, page 53)	major football codes to a senior level, along with covered seating for 500, open seating for 600, change rooms, toilets, kiosk and storage. The site adjoins the senior college and the proposed leisure centre, forming the major components of the Gunghalin Town Centre's leisure precinct.	\$5,000,000 (2010-11)	area. For several years we have been calling for increased infrastructure, particularly in the areas of sport and recreation for young people.  We look forward to hearing further information about how young people and key stakeholders including youth services will be involved in its development.
<b>Gungahlin Leisure Centre (Forward Design)</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 53)	This initiative will provide the initial planning for an indoor leisure centre including aquatic facilities, 'dry' court facilities, gymnasium and amenities including crèche, café, toilets and change rooms. The feasibility study is expected to be completed by September 2009.	\$1,000,000 (2009 -10)	Again we are encouraged by the investment of the ACT Government in the Gunghalin area. For several years we have been calling for increased infrastructure, particularly in the areas of sport and recreation for young people.  We look forward to hearing how the study will engage young people and key stakeholders. We would like clarification as to whether this initiative is a forward design or a feasibility study.
<b>Improvements to Griffith Oval</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 53)	This initiative will reconstruct Griffith Oval No. 1 to improve the quality of the playing surface and improve drainage. Griffith Oval serves as the main training venue for the Brumbies, is the competition headquarters for Eastern Suburbs Rugby Union Club, and supports a number of other high level rugby union squads.	\$50,000 (2009-10)  \$1,000,000 (2010-11)	The Youth Coalition supports the ongoing improvement and maintenance of our sports facilities, to ensure the ongoing improvement of high-level athletes representing the ACT.
<b>Lyneham Precinct - Regional Tennis and Sports Centre Stage 2</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 53)	This initiative continues the redevelopment of Lyneham Precinct (Southwell Park) in accordance with the concept plan. This project includes the redevelopment of the existing National Sports Club, significant changes to storm water flow within the precinct, upgrade of the Mouat Street/Ginninderra Drive intersection into the Precinct and the creation of a formal entry road.	\$2,500,000 (2009 -10)  \$2,000,000 (2010-11)	The Youth Coalition supports the ongoing improvement and maintenance of our sports and recreational facilities.
<b>Upgrade and Expand the Woden Gymnastics Club</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 53)	This initiative will improve and extend the facility licensed for use by the Woden Valley Gymnastics Club in the Grant Cameron Community Centre at Holder. The upgrade will provide 360m2 of additional training	\$550,000 (2009-10)	The Youth Coalition supports the ongoing improvement and maintenance of our sports facilities, particularly in light of funding provided to improve the safety for athletes.

	space, additional equipment and foam filled safety pits making training safer for athletes and coaching staff.		
<b>Mitchell - Sandford Street Extension to the Federal Highway</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 55)	This project will construct Sandford Street from Flemington Road to the Federal Highway. The road extension will form a major traffic link providing access to the Bimberi Youth Justice Centre, as well as providing traffic access between the Federal Highway and Mitchell. It will also support the future land release in Kenny.	\$500,000 (2009-10)  \$5,000,000 (2010-11) \$3,500,000 (2011-12)	The Youth Coalition strongly supports increased access to Bimberi Youth Justice Centre.
<b>Where Will We Play</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 58)	This initiative is to 'drought proof' a number of sportsgrounds in Canberra. The funding provided is in addition to the \$8 million provided in the 2008-09 Budget. Measures will include greater use of recycled water and lake/pond water, conversion of priority grounds to synthetic or couch grass surfaces, and replacement of inefficient irrigation systems.	\$6,000,000 (2009-10)  \$2,000,000 (2010-11)	The Youth Coalition strongly supports the investment in sportsgrounds frequently used by young people in the ACT.  We look forward to the evaluation of the success of the 'drought proof' initiative.
<b>Gungahlin College Precinct - Offsite Works</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 58)	This initiative funds a number of projects complementary to the Gungahlin College construction project, including augmentation of storm water piping across the site along two alignments; earthworks and street lighting in Warwick Street; and street verge works and minor road works on the Valley Avenue, Gozzard Street and Hibberson Street such as trees, paving, street furniture, lighting and footpaths.	\$5,280,000 (2009-10)  \$3,250,000 (2010-11)	The Youth Coalition strongly supports the investment by the ACT Government in the Gungahlin area.  We look forward to hearing how the study will engage young people and key stakeholders, particularly on safety issues.
<b>City and District Shopping Centres - Additional Bill Poster Silos (3rd Appropriation)</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 59)	The Bill Poster Silos project will see construction of approximately 20 new bill poster silos within shopping precincts and near skate parks at various locations across Canberra. This initiative will reduce the incidence of illegal bill posting and the subsequent need to clean up these sites by providing facilities where bill posting can be carried out safely and legally, can find its target audience and can be practically	\$360,000 (2009-10)	The promotion of events using posters in an activity engaged in by business, community and government. We support the bill poster silos project, however we have concerns that the ACT Government expects this initiative to be a panacea for bill posting in the ACT.  It is important that young people and key stakeholders are involved in any further development of legislation regarding bill posting.

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<b>Tuggeranong Town Park Stage (3rd Appropriation)</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 59)	This initiative is for the design and construction of a performance stage at Tuggeranong Town Park. The project will provide an outdoor venue for local community festivals, performances and other events. This project continues the Government's commitment to the revitalisation of district and town parks.	\$180,000 (2009–10)	We strongly support the further investment of resources for facilities frequently used by young people. For several years we have been calling for increased investment and infrastructure in Tuggeranong.  It is important that this initiative is implemented with consideration to young people and youth services, such as Tuggeranong Youth Centre.
<b>Enhance Library Collections</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 60)	This initiative will enhance the ACT Library and Information Service collections through maintaining the relevance and accuracy of the information contained in the collections and meeting community demand for new titles. The Library plays a vital role in education, learning, social and economic aspects of society.	\$796,000 (2009-10)  \$791,000 (2010-11) \$791,000 (2011-12) \$226,000 (2012-13)	We support the maintenance and enhancement of ACT library collections and encourage consultation with young people regarding demand for new titles, particularly for those engaged in education.

<b>ACT HEALTH</b>			
<b>Initiative, paper, page</b>	<b>Description in budget</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification</b>
<b>Enhanced Community Health Centre – Belconnen (Forward design and construction)</b>	This initiative provides for the forward design and construction of an Enhanced Community Health Centre (EHC). The EHC will provide an increased number of traditional community health services such as dental,	\$4,958,000 (2009 -10)  \$32,470,000 (2010-11)	We strongly support investment in the development of community health services, particularly with the provision of higher order clinical services in Belconnen. We have been calling for increased services in West Belconnen for several years and

(Budget Paper 5, page 62)	community nursing and community mental health. It will also provide an expanded range of higher order clinical services that were previously provided on hospital grounds such as renal dialysis, some specialist outpatient services and chronic disease management.	\$13,916,000 (2011-12)	hope that this initiative will include this area in its scope.  The Youth Coalition encourages the consideration of young people as a key target group requiring increased access to health services and involvement in subsequent consultations. We look forward to hearing more about this initiative and participating in consultations. We are also interested in receiving more information on the model development and the evidence base from which it is informed.
<b>Walk-in Centre – TCH</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 63)	This initiative will refurbish an existing area at The Canberra Hospital (TCH) to accommodate a walk-in centre. This is the first of three such clinics planned over the next four years. The walk-in centres will be staffed by nurse practitioners who will be skilled in the management of less serious illnesses. This will reduce pressures on emergency departments and the overworked ACT General Practitioner (GP) population by providing an alternative service for people with low level health care needs.	\$2,157,000 (2009-10)	It is encouraging that initiatives are being funded so as to facilitate greater access to health services in the ACT. It is well known that the ACT has the lowest rate of bulk billing and a significant shortfall in GPs per capita. On top of this young people experience significant challenges in accessing health services. Therefore, it is vital that their unique health needs are an integral consideration in the design of this service. It is also important that this link with the Centre for Adolescent Health also proposed to be based at The Canberra Hospital.  We look forward to hearing more about this initiative and working with the ACT Government on engaging young people and youth services in consultations.
<b>An E-Healthy Future</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 63)	This capital initiative is a \$90 million package of measures designed to build up the necessary e-health capacity and infrastructure as part of the Government's \$1 billion Your Health Our Priority program aimed at rebuilding the public health system.	\$7,000,000 (2009 -10)  \$25,000,000 (2010-11) \$35,000,000 (2011-12) \$23,185,000 (2012-13)	It is important that young people and their families are aware of what these changes are, how they may affect them, and how they will be implemented within a patient's rights framework. We look forward to hearing more about this Initiative.

**DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

<b>Initiative, paper, page</b>	<b>Description in budget</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification</b>
<b>National Partnership - Indigenous Early Childhood Development - Third Child and Family Centre</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 65)	This initiative will provide a third child and family centre in the West Belconnen region with a focus on integrating Indigenous families into a range of universal and targeted programs that promote child development, positive parenting and family functioning. This initiative has been provided to the Commonwealth for endorsement under the ' <i>Indigenous Early Childhood Development</i> ' National Partnership Agreement.	\$2,543,000 (2009 -10)	We strongly support this initiative as it recognises the importance of supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and their families to improve health. It also recognises that many Indigenous people live in the area.  We would like further information as to how this service will link with the proposed Enhanced Community Health Centre planned for Belconnen.
		\$1,657,000 (2010-11)	
<b>Regional Community Hubs (2nd Appropriation)</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 66)	This initiative provides for expanded regional facilities as a result of public consultation on the use of former school sites. Funds will be used for the development of expanded facilities at Cook and Village Creek and a regional community facility at Holt.	\$815,000 (2009-10)	We support the further development of community facilities in the ACT.  We would like further clarification as to whether or not these spaces will be made available for youth and community services.

**HOUSING ACT**

<b>Initiative, paper, page</b>	<b>Description in budget</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Comments, concerns, questions and calls for clarification</b>
<b>National Partnership - Homelessness (A Place to Call Home)</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 67)	A <i>Place to Call Home</i> is a jointly funded ACT Government and Commonwealth initiative to reduce homelessness under the Homelessness National Partnership Agreement. The Commonwealth Government will provide an additional \$5 million over five years from July 2008 to deliver 20 properties for long-term accommodation for homeless families. The initiative also requires upfront tailored support and assistance to be provided to enable the family to, in due course, sustain longer term accommodation in public	\$1,000,000 (2009-10)	The Youth Coalition strongly supports the investment by the ACT Government to increase the accessibility of long-term accommodation for vulnerable families. Particularly in light of the announcement of accompanying funding to support families transitioning from emergency accommodation.  The Youth Coalition seeks further clarification on supports that will be provided to young people within families.
		\$1,000,000 (2010-11)	
		\$1,000,000 (2011-12)	
		\$1,000,000 (2012-13)	

	<p>housing with minimal supports. This investment builds on the program commenced in 2008-09 with the Government providing \$2.5 million through the 2008-09 Budget 3rd Appropriation to acquire the land for the first 10 dwellings and to commence construction using the first tranche of Commonwealth Government funding (\$1 million) received in 2008-09.</p>		
<p><b>National Partnership - Social Housing</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 67)</p>	<p>This initiative will deliver an additional 20 dwelling units to house homeless families. Pursuant to the <i>Social Housing</i> National Partnership Agreement, the Commonwealth provided funding for additional social housing to accommodate homeless families, including families with children, singles and indigenous families.</p>	<p>\$3,220,000 (2009-10)</p>	<p>Again, the Youth Coalition strongly supports the investment by the ACT Government to increase housing for homeless families.</p> <p>The Youth Coalition seeks further clarification on supports that will be provided to young people within families.</p>
<p><b>National Partnership - Nation Building and Jobs Plan - Social Housing</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 68)</p>	<p>Under the Nation Building and Jobs Plan National Partnership Agreement with the Commonwealth, the ACT will receive \$96.323 million to provide additional housing in the ACT. This funding when combined with internal funds from Housing ACT will provide an additional 320 dwellings to accommodate low income and high needs families. A further \$6.426 million will be provided to upgrade, repair and maintain dwellings in 2008-09 and 2009-10 that would otherwise have been sold, to ensure that the dwellings remain in use to house low income and high needs families.</p>	<p>\$62,289,000 (2009-10)</p> <p>\$28,049,000 (2010-11)</p> <p>\$5,018,000 (2011-12)</p>	<p>The Youth Coalition strongly supports the investment in increasing housing to accommodate low income and high needs families.</p> <p>Given that some young people are often unable to stay with their families, we seek clarification around issues of access to new properties for young people who might be disengaged from their families.</p>

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

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<p><b>New Supreme Court - Forward Design</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 69)</p>	<p>This initiative provides for the design of a modern facility to replace the current 40-year old Supreme Court. The new facility will enable the Court to continue to discharge its important functions well into the future, including by providing functional courtroom spaces and contemporary facilities for judges, jurors, staff and users of the Court.</p>	<p>\$2,000,000 (2009 -10)  \$2,000,000 (2010-11)</p>	<p>The Youth Coalition welcomes the investment to design a modern facility to replace the current Supreme Court.</p> <p>We seek clarification on how support and other facilities will be provided for young people and their families within the design.</p> <p>We encourage the consideration of young people, community agencies and broader stakeholders in the development of any plan or design for the Court.</p>

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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<b>Harrison High School</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 73)	This initiative provides for a new high school in Harrison to be constructed adjacent to the recently completed pre-school and primary school. The high school campus will be capable of accommodating 800 students. It will provide a modern integrated setting for students and will include visual arts and performing arts areas, a gymnasium and other outdoor facilities. It will be designed to incorporate a range of environmentally sustainable features to help ensure that the high school achieves a 5 Star Green Star rating.	\$6,000,000 (2009-10)  \$26,000,000 (2010-11) \$11,500,000 (2011-12)	The Youth Coalition strongly support the development of a high school in Harrison to meet the identified needs of young people and families living in the area.  To ensure responsiveness to community needs, the Youth Coalition encourages the ACT Government to engage young people, their families and community services in the area on any consultations conducted regarding its development.
<b>Canberra College (Woden Campus) Performing Arts Theatre</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 74)	This project provides for the construction of a new Performing Arts Theatre at Canberra College. The facility will be used by students from the college, surrounding schools and the local community, and will include a number of specialist spaces for music, dance and drama practice and performance. The project will also cover the upgrade of the existing performing arts area to improve functionality and integration with the new theatre.	\$500,000 (2009-10)  \$1,500,000 (2010-11) \$5,600,000 (2011-12)	We strongly support the ACT Government's investment in a new performing arts theatre at Canberra College.  We look forward to hearing how young people and the local community more broadly will be involved in the development of the theatre.
<b>Gungahlin College - Additional Funding</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 74)	This project provides additional funding to enable the completion of the Gungahlin College, including the community library and CIT facilities at the College, and will help ensure that the facilities achieve a 5 Green Star rating.	\$000 (2009-10)  \$5,382,000 (2010-11)	The Youth Coalition strongly supports the continued investment by the ACT Government in the Gungahlin area.  It is encouraging that the global footprint has been considered in this project.  We look forward to the completion of the Gungahlin College and facilities.
<b>National Partnership - Nation Building and Jobs Plan - Building</b>	This Commonwealth funded initiative will provide for over \$145 million in new facilities and refurbishments at public schools across	\$78,335,000 (2009-10)	The Youth Coalition supports the investment in the maintenance and enhancement of facilities and infrastructure in public schools across the Territory.

<b>the Education Revolution</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 74)	the Territory including building or renewing large scale infrastructure in primary and special schools and the refurbishment and renewal of existing infrastructure in all schools.	\$54,386,000 (2010-11)	
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<b>CANBERRA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY</b>			
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<b>Electrotechnology Program Relocation</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 76)	This project will involve construction of a new purpose-built Electrotechnology training facility at the Fyshwick Trade Skills Centre. This new facility will provide up-to-date training accommodation and equipment for fast developing trades. Electrotechnology students will have access to the wide range of equipment and related trades with a particular focus on green technologies and industry partnerships.	\$2,000,000 (2009-10)  \$6,943,000 (2010-11) \$1,000,000 (2011-12)	The Youth Coalition supports the investment in providing up-to-date training, accommodation and equipment for fast developing trades.
<b>Technology Upgrade Program</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 76)	This project will provide for major equipment and technology purchases at CIT to ensure that the equipment used for training is of the highest standard and in keeping with industry requirements. Opportunities will be taken to further develop partnerships with industry in acquiring this technology and equipment.	\$1,250,000 (2009 -10)  \$1,250,000 (2010-11) \$1,250,000 (2011-12) \$1,250,000 (2012-13)	The Youth Coalition strongly supports investment in ensuring that the provision of training is meeting industry requirements, and that young people have access to emerging technologies.  We look forward to seeing the processes and evaluation of the development of partnerships with industry.
<b>CIT Online Implementation</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 76)	This project involves implementing a range of application and hardware enhancements to CIT's Information and Communication Technology infrastructure with significant improvements in CIT's online capability. This will provide CIT with a leading online offering in keeping with contemporary tertiary education delivery requirements.	\$2,500,00 (2009-10)  \$2,000,000 (2010-11)	The Youth coalition strongly supports improvement to CIT's online capabilities as it is important that young people have access to diversified education to meet their needs and circumstances.  We look forward to seeing how online learning may be enhanced and how young people will be supported in accessing and successfully completing online education options.

## ACT PLANNING AND LAND AUTHORITY

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<b>City West - Infrastructure Stage 3</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 78)	This initiative will deliver the forward design work for the infrastructure improvements that will assist in the creation of a safe and vibrant City West precinct. The proposed work will establish the necessary infrastructure for continued land releases and development along Marcus Clarke Street.	\$250,000 (2009-10)	The Youth Coalition supports the creation of a safe and vibrant City West precinct.  We encourage consultation with young people regarding the design and consideration of the nine building blocks contained in UNICEF's Child Friendly City framework, as per the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

## LEGAL AID COMMISSION (ACT)

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<b>New Directions Project</b> (Budget Paper 5, page 80)	This project will provide for the implementation of best practice case management, grants management and associated e-commerce systems, which in turn will improve capacity to provide legal assistance through the redeployment of administrative resources.	\$1,950,000 (2009-10)	The Youth Coalition supports investment in legal services that support some of Canberras most marginalised people, including young people.  We seek further clarification on the development of the new system, its role and implications for people accessing services.