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Port Noarlunga young leader chosen for youth forum committee

Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP has welcomed the announcement today by Youth Minister Peter Garrett that Lauren Jew from Port Noarlunga has been chosen as one of 11 outstanding young Australians to be a member of the steering committee for the Australian Youth Forum for 2011.

Ms Rishworth met with Lauren at Parliament House this morning, where the committee gathered together for the first time.

Ms Rishworth said “Lauren is an inspiration for all young people in South Australia.

“I am delighted that a young person from Port Noarlunga has been chosen to be part of the committee to drive this important national forum, which supports young people’s engagement with Government.

“The Forum allows young Australians from all over the country to have their voices heard on the most important issues and challenges that affect them.”

Ms Jew will play a key role in running the Australian Youth Forum, the formal communication channel between the Australian Government, young people (aged 15–24), and the youth sector.

Ms Rishworth said “Lauren is 23 and works at Anglicare SA as a Reunification Case Worker. She is also studying a Bachelor of Arts (Aboriginal Studies)/Bachelor of Social Work with the University of South Australia.

“Lauren was a member of the National Youth Roundtable and has been a member of numerous advisory committees at a local and state level.

“Lauren believes strongly in equality for all and demonstrates this with the work she undertakes with numerous Aboriginal communities, young offenders and disadvantaged children and their families.”

“I congratulate Lauren on her appointment, and I hope that she achieves every success for the Australian Youth Forum in 2011,” Ms Rishworth said.

Youth Minister Peter Garrett said the Australian Youth Forum is an important Australian Government initiative, engaging young people and the youth sector in ongoing public dialogue about the major challenges and solutions for this country.

For further information about the AYF go to www.youth.gov.au/ayf