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VULNERABLE YOUTH IN WESTERN SYDNEY TO BENEFIT FROM RENT SUBSIDY

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams has today welcomed the announcement that the youth rental subsidy, **Rent Choice Youth** is now operational across the Western Sydney Family and Community Services (FACS) District.

Rent Choice Youth provides a rental assistance subsidy for up to three years to young people between the ages of 16 and 24 who are at risk of homelessness, in addition to support to help them maintain a tenancy and engage in education, training and employment over time.

Mr. Williams said that Rent Choice Youth was another example of the NSW Government delivering on its commitment to support the vulnerable across the state. "Rent Choice Youth is about intervening early and stopping the cycle of disadvantage before it begins. We want to help vulnerable youth in the area overcome obstacles to obtaining education and finding a job.

The expansion of Rent Choice Youth into Western Sydney will provide much needed relief for disadvantaged young people who are looking to improve their lives," Mr. Williams said.

Tackling youth homelessness is a key priority for the NSW Government. As it is important it is to provide this support so that young people are not condemned to a lifetime of struggle.

Rent Choice Youth is an initiative of the NSW Government's *Future Directions for Social Housing in NSW*, which sets out the Government's vision for social housing over the next 10 years.

Further information on Rent Choice Youth can be found at: <http://www.housingpathways.nsw.gov.au/additional-information/fact-sheets/youth-private-rental-subsidy>

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