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Airport Development Group Supports Territory's Next Generation of Leaders at Y Youth Parliament

Airport Development Group (ADG) through its Community Grants Program was proud to support the Y Northern Territory Youth Parliament, held at Parliament House in Darwin recently.

The annual Youth Parliament program brings together young Territorians aged 15 to 25 from across the NT including regions such as Alpururulam to learn about leadership,

democracy, and advocacy. The initiative culminates in Youth Sitting Week, where participants take over the NT Parliament to debate real issues, develop policy ideas, and showcase their vision for the Territory's future.

The program empowers participants to build confidence, strengthen connections, gain new skills, amplify their voices, and develop a sense of belonging. Alumni of the program have gone on to careers in politics, community services, education, policy, law, and many other fields, demonstrating its long-term impact.

Rychelle Vines, Indigenous and Community Projects Manager, at Airport Development Group, said: "ADG is committed to supporting initiatives that strengthen our communities and invest in future generations of leaders. The Youth Parliament is an outstanding program that gives young Territorians the skills, networks, and confidence to create meaningful change. We are proud to play a role in supporting such an important initiative for the Territory's young people."

Carlee Heise, the Y Northern Territory, said: "Youth Parliament is a powerful program that creates opportunities for young Territorians to have their voices heard on issues that matter most to them. With the support of partners like ADG, we can continue to deliver life-changing experiences that build leadership, resilience, and confidence in our next generation. We thank ADG for recognising the importance of youth empowerment and helping us make this year's program possible."

The Y Northern Territory has been delivering grassroots programs for more than 50 years, with a strong focus on aquatics, early learning, out of school hours care, youth engagement, and community services.

Its Youth Parliament program continues to grow each year, producing empowered, engaged, and socially responsible young leaders across the NT.

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