

The Y NSW Youth Parliament NSW

Dear Selection Committee,

I am pleased to recommend Eliza Tait for the Youth Parliament, the Y NSW's flagship youth leadership and engagement program.

In 2024, Eliza completed work experience at UNICEF Australia, where she gained insight into the landscape of policy and advocacy in Australia. Eliza made several meaningful contributions during her time including re-writing an official UNICEF Australia report 'The Wellbeing of Australian Children' from a youth perspective which we anticipate will soon be published on the UNICEF youth website. Eliza also undertook research related to your Young Ambassador program, this research will be used to set framework for a new UNICEF Australia youth project in 2025.

This experience supported further development of Eliza's skills in systemic advocacy, research techniques, teamwork and civic engagement. She was able to effectively translate academic content for a youth audience, making it accessible and engaging. By leveraging her lived experience, Eliza also offered a unique perspective advocating for people from diverse backgrounds.

Eliza is dedicated to personal growth, always seeking new challenges and opportunities to learn. She is particularly eager to further develop her advocacy skills and gain a deeper understanding of parliamentary process, which will be invaluable in her future endeavours.

I am confident that Eliza will thrive in the Youth Parliament program and make meaningful contributions. She has the vision, determination, and understanding needed to be a successful young leader.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Ruzika Soldo

Head of Impact & Engagement

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