



**Senator Catryna Bilyk
Labor Senator for Tasmania
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Hobart Students attend YAG Cybersafety Summit in Canberra

Senator Catryna Bilyk has welcomed the participation of six Tasmanian students in a national Cybersafety Summit held in Canberra on 30 May 2011 to advise the Australian Government on key cybersafety initiatives.

“The Cybersafety Summit officially opened National Cybersecurity Awareness Week and provides the Government with a great opportunity to consult with young people, parents and teachers on how to keep young Australians safe online,” said Senator Bilyk.

Two students each came from Ogilvie High School, Rose Bay High School and Sacred Heart College. The students, along with their parents and two teachers, participated in a series of professionally facilitated workshops that focus on government cybersafety initiatives such as the development of an easy guide to safe participation on social networking and online game sites.

The students and teachers are participating in the Australian Government’s Youth Advisory Group on Cybersafety (YAG). The YAG comprises primary and secondary school students aged between 8 and 17 years who provide advice to the government on cybersafety issues from a young person’s perspective.

The YAG was established in 2009 as part of the government’s Cybersafety Plan and this year has expanded its membership to include up to 1,300 students from up to 130 schools from across Australia.

The Cybersafety Help Button was launched in 2010 and provides internet users with easy online access to cybersafety information and assistance. It was developed in response to advice from YAG members who told the government they wanted a ‘one-stop shop’ for online advice and assistance.

“Many thousands of students, parents and teachers from across Australia have access to the Cybersafety Help Button. The Government is working on further enhancements and hopes to have them implemented this year,” Senator Bilyk said.

The Help Button is a free application that can be easily downloaded onto personal computers from the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy website at www.dbcde.gov.au/helpbutton.

“Cybersafety is an important issue and I am pleased to see Tasmanian youth being represented in Cybersafety consultations,” said Senator Bilyk.

For more information on the Government’s cybersafety plan visit www.dbcde.gov.au/cybersafetyplan

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