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policies

Establish Youth Rehabilitations Centres in Mildura regional area to help young drug addicts get off drugs.

Establish Youth Hubs in regional areas. Incorporate Youth Drop-in Centres and Indigenous Homework Centres where there is access Indigenous Mentors.

Support Indigenous women who are trying to establish Alternate Schools for School Refusers.

Reform the Victoria Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) so that it becomes an authority to assist and encourage the establishment of schools for Indigenous and non-Indigenous School Refusers.

Programs to assist youth homelessness in the region. More action on **Climate Change**.

about Laylah

Laylah Al-Saimary is an 18 year old Barkindji woman from Mildura who is standing for the seat of Melbourne in the upcoming state election.

Laylah says "I know 18 is young to be standing for parliament but someone must stand up for Indigenous youth needs, in the regions and elsewhere." Laylah came to Melbourne after retail jobs collapsed in Mildura due to the Covid crisis. She works a 60 hour week in a cafe and tries to help her single mum, Leanne, support her two sisters. They are grateful for the help.

Laylah is passionate about education, particularly for school refusers. "I am a school refuser," says Laylah "and we desperately need alternatives schools in the region, Indigenous controlled. My mum was Chair of an Indigenous Corporation which tried to set up an alternative school in Mildura but we were just squashed by VRQA. VRQA were no help at all. It was a great disappointment."

Laylah would like to see Indigenous Youth hubs in every regional town to help with youth homelessness, create Indigenous homework centres, and get drug and alcohol beds in rehab centres. "Many young Indigenous people want to get away from drugs in the regions, but there is no help for them" she says.

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