

## Delara Elavia



"I applied to be a Youth MP to represent the rangatahi in my community whose voices are often overlooked in decision-making spaces. I look forward to meeting a diverse group of young people, recognising the importance of collaborating with people who have differing views. In today's day and age, many young people are so overwhelmed by the amount of political information in the media that they shut it out altogether. By drawing parallels between political decisions and peoples' everyday lives in a tangible, constructive manner, I aim to increase youth civic engagement and voting rates. Encouraging rangatahi to be responsible, informed citizens of Aotearoa is a task I am honoured to take on, especially in a local election year. As a Youth MP, I aspire to tackle issues facing youth head-on to shape Aotearoa into a better place for future generations."

## Selecting MP: Hon Phil Twyford

**Location: Auckland**