



Josephine Lilley



“I have a passion for writing and a goal to make a positive difference, and with the opportunity to do both these things simultaneously with Youth Parliament, of course I applied. I have strong beliefs surrounding issues I am passionate about, such as the state of our environment and the uncertainty surrounding our future, as well as the exploitation of children on social media, especially with the growing threat of AI deepfakes. I believe in representation in media, and as a seventeen-year-old, I want to be a voice that speaks for Aotearoa's youth, a voice that pushes for change. Being so young, my options regarding my future are not set in stone, however I know that I want to pursue my passion for writing, and with this opportunity, a career in journalism is certainly an option I am seriously considering.”

Youth Press Gallery member

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