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**\*\*video featuring last year's winner [available](#)\*\***

## ENTRIES OPEN FOR STUDENT SHORT FILM AWARD

Students across NSW will have the opportunity to win a cash prize by creating a short film for the second annual 'Parli-Flicks' short film competition.

President of the NSW Legislative Council Matthew Mason-Cox said the short film competition by NSW Parliament presented an opportunity for high school students to showcase their skills and talent.

"We are calling all budding filmmakers to help us respond to the theme: 'Parliament: why do we need it?'" said Mr Mason-Cox.

"This could include exploring the role the Parliament plays in making laws or holding the Government to account – told in a way that is creative, informative and entertaining."

The Parli-Flicks Short Film Award is sponsored by the Australasian Study of Parliament Group (ASPG) to mark International Democracy Day on 15 September 2022.

Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly Jonathan O'Dea said the theme served as a reminder of the importance of democracy.

"We are fortunate in Australia to have a robust and healthy system of government - not every country does, as we have seen in recent world events," said Mr O'Dea.

"We want you to contemplate the Parliament's purpose, why it is critical to society and to capture that in your short film."

Last year's winning short film "[Democracy Balls](#)" was inspired by Rhys Hibbert from St Ives High School and his love of football, which he used to demonstrate what democracy means to him.

The Parli-Flicks short film award is open to students in Years 7 to 12 and is free to enter. The overall winner will receive \$250 in prize money and the state Parli-Flicks trophy.

The short film can be fictional or documentary in style, use live action or animation, be serious or light-hearted. Films must run for no longer than 60 seconds and students can submit as an individual or in a group of up to five.

Ten entries will be shortlisted, and awards will be given in the categories of Best Regional, Best Metropolitan, Best Junior Secondary (Years 7 – 9), Best Senior Secondary (Years 10 – 12), Presiding Officers' Choice and Overall Winner.

The closing date for entries is 1 July 2022. The winners will be invited to an awards night at the NSW Parliament on September 15, 2022, the International Day of Democracy.

For more information and details of how to enter, visit [NSW Parliament Education](#).