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Pacific Women's Professional Business Network

Ms CHARISHMA KALIYANDA (Liverpool):

Earlier this month I attended the Voyage to Leadership: Pasifika Young Women's Symposium organised by the Pacific Women's Professional and Business Network [PWPBN]. The symposium was a fabulous opportunity to discuss how Pacific women's involvement in decision-making and leadership can be supported across business, industry and community. My parliamentary colleague the member for Gosford and I shared our insights into effective communication, public speaking and leadership. I note the importance of events like this, given the limited professional networking opportunities for women and girls in Western Sydney. I recognise the great work of the PWPBN more broadly in filling those gaps. Role models are worth their weight in gold and I am glad young women can now see themselves where they would like to be one day. I extend my congratulations to the Pacific Women's Professional and Business Network, with particular kudos to chair, Loau Donina Va'a, and panel moderator, Sigrid Yaru. They are doing work that will ripple across generations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charishma Kaliyanda', written over a horizontal line.

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