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Toronto Students Win First Prize In Workplace Competition

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, is pleased to announce that four students from Toronto High School have been awarded first prize in a competition to promote workplace information to their peers.

The Year 10 students, Cassandra Lingonis, Courtney Jones, Daniel Hardy and Emma Watson were among the prizewinners announced by NSW Minister for Industrial Relations, John Hatzistergos at a presentation held in Parliament House today.

According to Mr Piper, Cassandra, Courtney, Daniel and Emma's prize winning entry provided a creative and fun visual message about young people's workplace rights and entitlements such as fair pay, paid leave, fair dismissal processes and a good working environment free of bullying and discrimination. The prize was \$1000 for Toronto High School and \$500 shared among the four students.

"These students can be proud of their creativity," said Mr Piper. "First prize in the non-metropolitan section is a really great achievement. I was pleased to be with them at the presentation today and offer my congratulations."

"The *Know the Deal* video competition required high school students to be creative in developing engaging and informative video clips for their peers, incorporating important messages about workplace issues," Mr Hatzistergos said. "Not only has the task been fun but the students have met learning outcomes from their school syllabus and have been exposed to the excellent information supplied on the website," the Minister said.

According to Minister Hatzistergos "Students used the Office of Industrial Relations youth website at www.youngpeopleatwork.nsw.gov.au to help gather information about what they need to know when starting a new job.

"Many young people enter the workforce while still at school, getting jobs to supplement their pocket money and it's vitally important they are well-informed about what to expect," the Minister added.