

Community
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Cameron Review Implementation Information session

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Cameron Review

CLCNSW summary of some key points:

CLCs do good work , the review confirms previous positive conclusions about the Community Legal Centre sector

CLCs provide invaluable service and are supported by strong governance structures

CLCs are extremely efficient and deliver services at low cost to government

There is little evidence of duplication

CLCs have strong community ties and are located in the right place

CLCs cannot operate on less money : “Existing funding levels should be preserved”

“I want to thank to review team – for really capturing the spirit of our sector. They got what we do, why we do it, and why and how we should continue to do it”

Tim Leach ED CLCNSW

Review of NSW Community Legal Centre Services

Alan Cameron AO

December 2017

Govt supports Cameron review recommendation

“The injection of additional funding responds to the Cameron review , which recommended that the NSW Government maintain its existing Community Legal Centre funding commitment, including the additional \$3m allocated in 2017-18. It also recommended that an additional \$2.2 million be invested each year to address gaps and expand the reach of the sector.”

The Cameron Review recommended that from 2019-20 a new application process be introduced to allocate funding to CLCs”

NSW Government Fact sheet - Cameron review of Community Legal Centres



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Having stepped in last year to save our sector from the federal funding crisis NSW Attorney General Mark Speakman today announced new funds and measures to ensure stability for community legal centres.

The government's support for the majority of Cameron Review recommendations shows they understand and support the work our sector does, both in terms of service delivery and strategic advocacy which, as Tim said in his speech today "helps governments and policy makers reform laws so that less people have legal problems in the first place."

(Pictured at the announcement: NSW Attorney General [Mark Speakman](#) with our ED [Tim Leach](#) [Redfern Legal Centre](#), CEO [Jo Shulman](#), [Moo Baulch](#) from [Domestic Violence NSW](#), [Melanie Fernandez](#) from [NSW Council of Social Service - NCOSS](#), and [Redfern Legal Centre](#) staff, volunteers and clients).



Funding model is changing

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CLCNSW summary of key points re funding from the Cameron review.

Funding should be based on understanding of legal needs and the capacity of CLCs to respond to legal need

Funding should be for 3 years

Funding should be allocated under an application based model, as operates in Qld, consisting of 2 parts:

Collaborative service planning that relies on evidence and analysis of legal need and collaboration with other legal assistance providers

Evidence base should be developed by CLCNSW with the Law and Justice Foundation (LJF) and should draw on the Qld model

Cameron Review Implementation

CLCNSW is closely collaborating with Legal Aid NSW, Justice NSW and Law and Justice Foundation to implement Cameron review recommendations.

This includes:

Weekly Cameron Review Implementation meetings (LANSW, Justice, LJF,CLCNSW)

Joint information sessions with Legal Aid NSW

Resource development

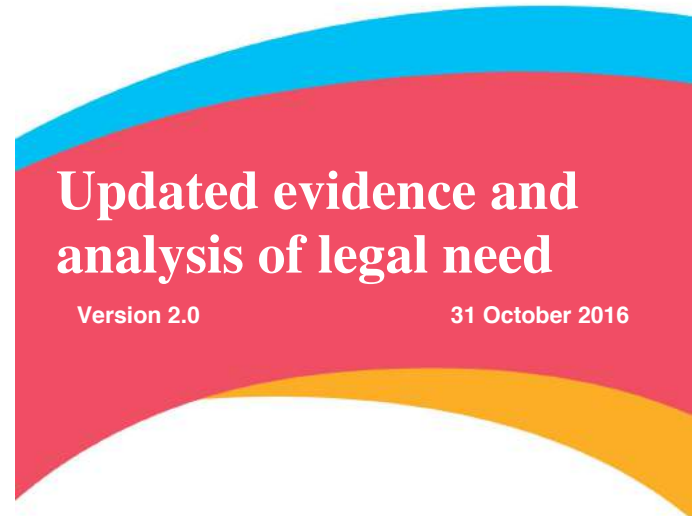
Liaison with our Qld colleagues about their process

- Application resource guide (similar to Qld resource)
- Legal needs analysis (with LJF, similar to Qld resource)

Tender briefing sessions with LANSW

Support and advice for members

Other information and support activities TBA



CLCNSW supporting CLCs

Cameron review recommended a funding allocation model similar to Queensland's application based model.

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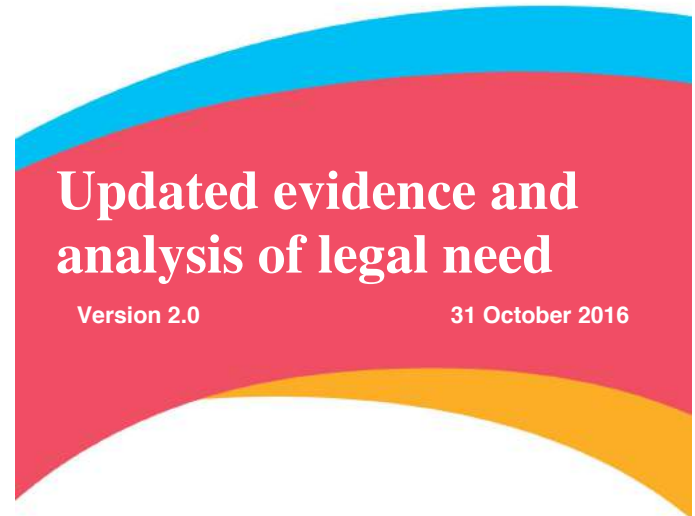
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CLCNSW website

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Application Resource Guide

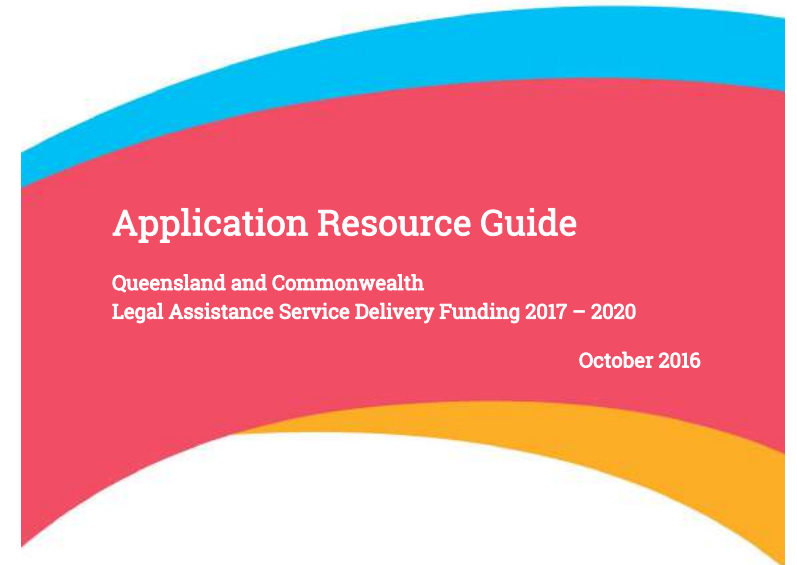
Cameron Review recommended that CLCNSW should be funded to develop an evidence base similar to that developed in Qld.

The Guide will assist CLCs with:

- interpretation of application questions
- other data and evidence that could be used in addition to the Legal Needs Analysis
- examples of possible scenarios to help think about and prepare responses to the questions

This Guide is in development to be finalised once Application form and procurement process is finalised.

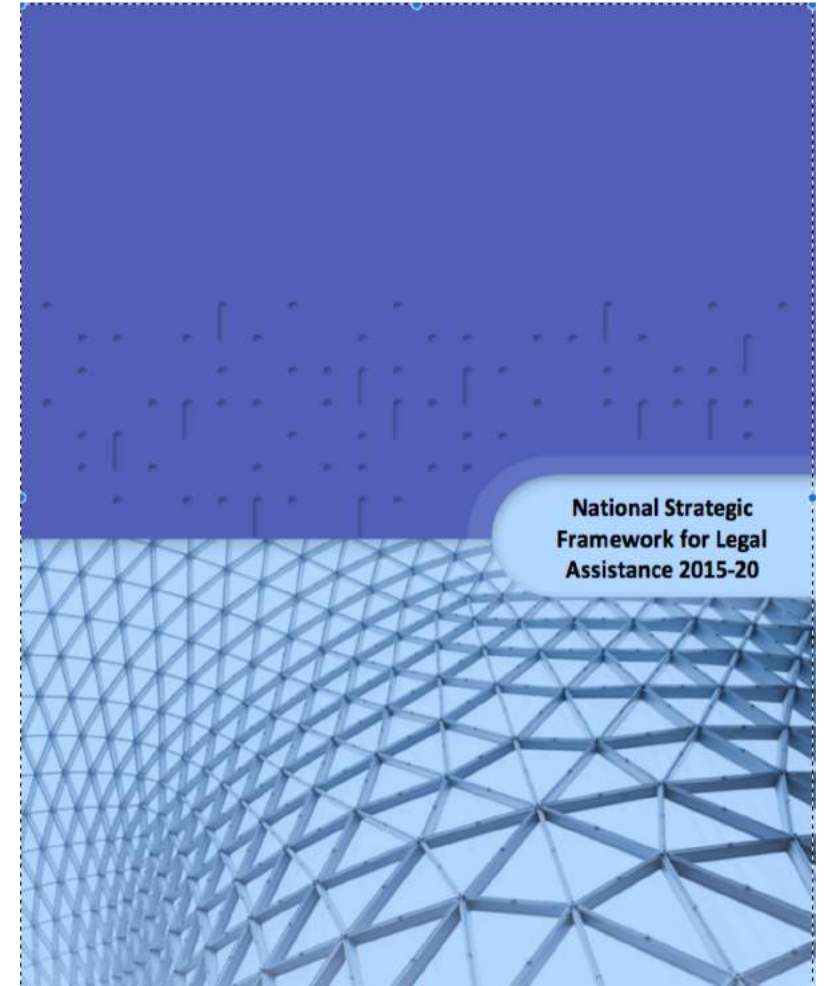
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Application – what we know

Application will use the priority groups identified in the current National Partnership Agreement

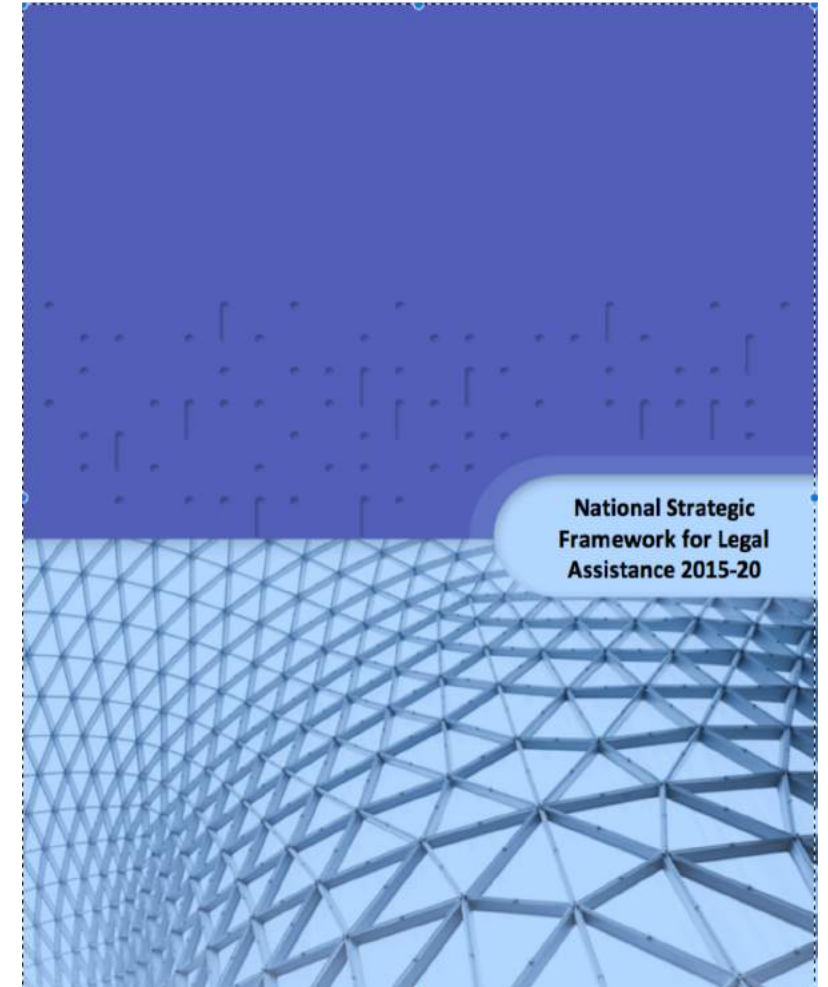
- children and young people (up to 24 years);
- Indigenous Australians;
- older people (aged over 65 years);
- people experiencing, or at risk of, family violence;
- people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness;
- people in custody and prisoners;
- people residing in rural or remote areas;
- people who are culturally and linguistically diverse;
- people with a disability or mental illness;
- people with low education levels; and
- single parents.



Application – what we know

Application will align with NPA's National Strategic Framework for Legal Assistance 2015-20 principles:

- Services focus on, and are accessible to, people facing vulnerability and disadvantage
- Services are appropriate, proportionate, client focused and tailored to people's legal needs and capabilities
- Services are collaborative with government services and other services to provide joined up services to address people's legal and other problems
- Services identify and resolve legal problems in a timely manner before they escalate
- Services empower people to understand and assert their legal rights and responsibilities to address, or prevent, legal problems



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