



# Parliamentary briefing: Community legal centres in NSW

Thursday, 27 February 2020, 12.45pm-2.00pm  
Jubilee Room, NSW Parliament House

**Join Attorney General, Mark Speakman, and Community Legal Centres NSW at this parliamentary briefing on the work of community legal centres in NSW.**

Hear about the work of five specialist community legal centres that provide free, state-wide legal services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, women experiencing family violence, people with intellectual disability, and people with specific legal problems involving credit, fines and debt and tenancy.

Meet with representatives from other specialist community legal centres working on issues like social security, youth justice, immigration, policing and detention, animal law and pro bono legal services, and generalist community legal centres that provide help on a wide range of family and civil law issues to people in electorates across the state.

## Speakers

**The Hon. Mark Speakman SC MP**  
Attorney General & Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

**Paul Lynch MP**  
Shadow Attorney General

**Arlia Fleming**  
Chair, Community Legal Centres NSW

**Tim Leach**  
Executive Director, Community Legal Centres NSW

**Karen Cox**  
Financial Rights Legal Centre

**Rachael Martin**  
Warringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre

**Julie Foreman**  
Tenants' Union of NSW

**Helen Campbell**  
Women's Legal Service NSW

**Janene Cootes**  
Intellectual Disability Rights Service

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Community legal centres are independent, non-government organisations that provide free legal services in a number of crucial areas, including domestic and family violence; parenting, child protection and family law; tenancy and housing; credit, fines and debt; social security; visas and immigration; consumer complaints; employment; discrimination; and human rights. Without early legal advice, families can break down and health problems can worsen; people can be evicted from their homes or lose their jobs. Community legal centres provide a safety net for people and communities experiencing economic hardship or discrimination that helps prevent these legal problems from spiraling out of control.