

NATIONAL LEGAL AID (NLA) STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2024

NLA VISION

- → A primary voice for the legal assistance sector and those experiencing legal need
- Thought leaders in the legal assistance sector, proactively influencing policy
- → A unified voice for all Legal Aid Commissions

NLA PURPOSE

- To lead and encourage a national system of legal aid that allows disadvantaged individuals to access justice
- → To ensure the legal assistance sector is adequately funded
- → To provide a forum for collaboration at a national level between government, stakeholders, community and legal assistance providers, to develop best practice legal assistance

GOAL 01

INCREASE CORE FUNDING FOR LEGAL AID COMMISSIONS

GOAL 02

INFLUENCE FAMILY LAW POLICY AND FUNDING

GOAL 03

ADDRESS ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER JUSTICE

- → Contribute to the NLAP mid-term Review
- → Establish compelling case for the next NLAP
- → Advocate for legislative and service delivery reform that will enhance access to justice
- → Increase funding for family law representation
- → Provide culturally appropriate services
- → Reduce over-representation in the criminal justice system and deaths in custody

HOW NLA WILL WORK - OUR WORK WILL BE:



Evidence based



In partnership with others



STRATEGY

Putting clients at the centre of what we do



Recognising the role of legal and non-legal advocates in advice giving, prevention and early intervention, advocacy and law reform