

Media Release

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Community Lawyer Takes out Top Human Rights Law Award

The National Association of Community Legal Centres (NACLC) today congratulates its Deputy Chair Anna Cody who was announced as the winner of the Australian Human Rights Commission's Law Award at the National Human Rights Awards.

The Awards are held annually around Human Rights Day, which is tomorrow, and recognise outstanding contributions to the protection and promotion of human rights. The Law Award is awarded to an individual or an organisation with a track record in promoting and advancing human rights in Australia through the practice of law.

Associate Professor Anna Cody is the Deputy Chair of the NACLC Board and Director of the Kingsford Legal Centre, a Community Legal Centre (CLC) based at the University of New South Wales. In accepting the award, Associate Professor Cody said "It's been an honour to work with the many tenacious, smart and disadvantaged clients I have over the years".

"The funding cuts are huge for our sector but relatively small amounts of money for the Government. I hope this award highlights the amazing work done in CLCs and the reduction in that work flowing from funding cuts," she added.

"We are thrilled for Anna. It is important recognition of the role Anna has played a key role as a leader in the community legal sector in ensuring that the most vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our community get the legal help they need," said Dan Stubbs, NACLC National Spokesperson.

"Her recognition of the impact funding cuts will have on CLCs across Australia, including her own centre, is important as we approach a 30% funding cliff facing centres nationally from 1 July next year" he added.

"It is CLCs like Associate Professor Cody's that will be turning away even more vulnerable clients from July next year because of the planned Federal Governments cuts to CLCs" he concluded.

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