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Community Legal Centres: Protecting Rights for Everyday People Every Day

Today on Human Rights Day, the National Association of Community Legal Centres (NACLC) highlighted the vital work of Community Legal Centres in safeguarding the rights of people across Australia every day.

The theme for this year's Human Rights Day is 'Stand Up for Someone's Rights Today'. "Community Legal Centres (CLCs) across Australia provide free legal help and related services to thousands of people and stand up for their rights every day" said Dan Stubbs, NACLC National Spokesperson.

"We help clients with a range of legal problems in areas such as domestic violence, homelessness, family law, tenancy, discrimination, credit and debt and employment issues. Whether it is in protecting the rights of vulnerable and disadvantaged people, educating the community about their rights or advocating for fairer laws and policies, CLCs provide crucial services" said Mr Stubbs.

"However, CLCs are facing a 30% funding cliff nationally from 1 July 2017 that will severely limit our ability to continue to protect human rights for people across Australia" added Mr Stubbs.

"The 16 Days of Activism also ends today, which provides an important opportunity to reflect on the disproportionate levels of violence and abuse against women and girls, and again acknowledge that CLCs are a key part of addressing and responding to family violence" he said.

"Today we once again urge the Federal Government to work with us to stand up for the rights of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in our community through access to legal help, including by reversing the looming funding cliff facing CLCs" concluded Mr Stubbs.

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