

LexisNexis and NACLC Partner to Promote Rule of Law

Delivering Online Legal Resources to Community Legal Centres across Australia

Sydney, 21 July 2016: LexisNexis® and the National Association of Community Legal Centres (NACLC) have entered into a partnership to promote the rule of law in Australia by providing high quality online legal resources to over 180 Community Legal Centres (CLCs) operating across Australia and support better access to justice for the 200,000+ disadvantaged clients they assist every year.

Access to LexisNexis Practical Guidance, CaseBase and other core research products with practical and current content, will support CLC staff (and CLCs' several thousand volunteers who themselves in 2013/14 provided over 775,000 hours of support) as they advise clients on a wide range of issues. The online format ensures the content is always accessible and up-to-date, for all CLCs, regardless of their size and geographic location. LexisNexis will provide training to staff and volunteers who will in return assist LexisNexis to design and improve their solutions through research of user experience.

NACLC spokesperson Daniel Stubbs said, "It is essential for CLCs and their clients – disadvantaged people who often have multiple legal problems – to have easy ongoing access to timely, accurate, up-to-date legal information. The LexisNexis package is a highly valued and utilised resource that helps CLCs across Australia to provide high quality and consistent legal advice."

"Prior to working with LexisNexis, CLCs were more likely to have to source legal content in both hard copy and online, from a range of providers. Access to the LexisNexis online package can help support the efficient operation of CLCs, enabling them to dedicate scarce resources to where they are needed most, to direct service delivery. We welcome this important partnership", Mr Stubbs added.

"We are delighted to help support the vital role that Community Legal Centres play for disadvantaged Australians who without their help would be extremely vulnerable in the legal system," said Joanne Beckett, Managing Director, LexisNexis Australia. "By working closely with CLC staff and volunteers, we will also gain a better understanding of the biggest challenges for this sector and be able to reflect that in future design of our content. We look forward to working closely with everyone involved in the CLCs and at NACLC to champion the amazing work they do."

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About NACLC

NACLC is the peak national organisation representing Community Legal Centres (CLCs) in Australia. Our members are the state and territory CLC associations that, together, represent around 200 CLCs nationally. NACLC's purpose is to assist disadvantaged and marginalised people in the Australian community obtain access to legal services.