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Domestic violence expert new Chair of NACLC Board

The National Association of Community Legal Centres (NACLC) welcomes Rosslyn Monro as the new Chair of its Board.

Ms Monro is the Coordinator of Women's Legal Service Queensland and brings with her a wealth of experience in leading community responses to domestic and family violence.

"I am very much looking forward to leading NACLC over the next 12 months as we continue to lead frontline responses to the domestic and family violence crisis in Australia. We welcome the recent announcement of additional pilot funding as part of the Women's Safety Package and look forward to working with all levels of government on these issues" said Ms Monro.

"Every single day, I see women and children struggling to deal with family violence and the legal problems that family violence contributes to, both directly and indirectly. This frontline experience and expertise, as well as our connection with communities is a real strength of the CLC sector. We welcome the increasing recognition by Governments of the crucial role CLCs play in holistic response to domestic violence. However there is a need to ensure this continues, including through the provision of additional funding" said Ms Monro.

Community Legal Centres face a 30% cut to their funding nationally from 2017 under the new National Partnership Agreement for Legal Assistance Services. In light of this funding cliff Ms Monro added, "one of my priorities over the next 12 months will be working with government and the legal assistance sector to ensure there is adequate funding to meet rising demand and enable access to quality legal help for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged members in our community."

NACLC reiterates its calls for government to implement the Productivity Commission's recommendation of an immediate injection of \$200 million per year to the legal assistance sector to meet existing unmet legal need.

For further information or to arrange an interview contact NACLC Chairperson
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