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**NACLC welcomes Mr Warren Strange as Principal Lawyer for the Legal Advisory Service for people engaging with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse**

The National Association of Community Legal Centres (NACLC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Warren Strange as the Principal Lawyer to provide leadership in its free legal help service for people considering engaging with the Royal Commission. NACLC is establishing the new service with funding from the Australian Government.

Mr Strange brings a wealth of expertise in public legal assistance, civil and criminal litigation, public inquiries and prevention services. Mr Strange will be coming from his position as Assistant Commissioner at the Queensland Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC), where he has led the Misconduct Team. Previously, he worked as Director, Criminal Law Services, at Legal Aid Queensland for six years. He has also worked as a generalist solicitor in private practice and as a volunteer at Caxton Community Legal Centre in Brisbane.

Mr Strange also has extensive experience working in inter-agency collaborations and led the team that produced the CMC's *Protecting Children* report that resulted in fundamental reforms to Queensland's child protection system.

NACLC National Convenor, Michael Smith, said, "we are delighted to have someone of Mr Strange's calibre and skills as the Principal Lawyer of this highly important service. He brings a wealth of highly relevant legal and management skills, particularly in working with people who have experienced trauma or had problems with institutions. His experience leading multi-disciplinary teams in diverse locations and in working collaboratively will be great assets for this new initiative."

Mr Strange will be based at the Service's main office in Sydney but will be travelling around Australia to oversee service delivery in other locations. He will work closely with EO, Jenny Hardy and a skilled staff team.

An announcement will be made shortly about the commencement of the service.

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