

# Ensuring a Thriving Community Legal Sector

## Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021

### We are a strong voice to, and for, the community legal sector

- We advance a shared vision for the community legal sector
- We lead and support national advocacy that facilitates access to justice and the protection of human rights for all people in Australia
- We collect and communicate compelling data to ensure a strong understanding of the importance and impact of community legal services

### We increase the resources available to the community legal sector

- We advance the financial sustainability of the community legal sector
- We adapt the range of services we provide to support the changing needs of the community legal sector
- We share employment policies and practices designed to nurture the wellbeing and personal growth of staff, including our own

### We strengthen our communities through enhanced collaboration

- We are guided by and support the perspectives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities and organisations
- We enhance coordination and collaboration within the community legal sector
- We enhance strategic and collaborative partnerships with stakeholders external to the community legal sector

### We facilitate the provision of high quality community legal services

- We provide a framework for the community legal sector to provide greater and improved services that best meet the needs of their communities
- We provide a robust National Accreditation Scheme to ensure continuous quality improvement

## Our Values

### Member Focus

We assist and enhance the capacity of our Members and individual community legal centres, and support their independence and autonomy

### Leadership

We work with our Members to lead a strong, independent and innovative community legal sector

### Fairness

We believe in equity, social justice and human rights and work towards alleviating systemic disadvantage

### Collaboration

We build quality relationships to leverage combined resources, expertise and knowledge for the benefit of the organisations and communities that we collectively serve

### Quality

We strive to develop and support high standards and quality in our own work and across the sector

## About Us

The National Association of Community Legal Centres (NACLC) is the national peak body for the community legal sector.

The community legal sector is made up of approximately 200 community-based legal services that take client-centred and systemic approaches to legal service delivery.

Community legal centres provide essential legal and related services and are a vital part of ensuring everyday people in Australia can access the legal help they need.

NACLC's role is to ensure the community legal sector continues to thrive and is able to meet the needs of communities around Australia.