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#### White Ribbon Day

A QUEENSLAND legal group has called for the Federal Government to increase funding to free legal services that help domestic violence victims.

Speaking on White Ribbon Day yesterday, Queensland Association of Independent Legal Services director James Farrell said community legal services had to turn away more people than they saw in the 2014-15 year.

"In 2014-15, Queensland's community legal centres provided help to nearly 50,000 Queenslanders, but we were forced to turn away a further 80,000. That means three out of five Queenslanders needing our help couldn't speak to a lawyer to address their legal problems," he said.

"As demand for our services is increasing across Queensland, especially in the area of family violence, community legal centres are facing a significant cut to services for people facing legal problems."

Mr Farrell said the Federal Government had cut funding to Queensland community legal centres in July.

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