

# Labor's boost for Suncoast Community Legal Service

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Labor's candidates for Fairfax and Fisher, Scott Anderson and Bill Gissane today announced a Shorten Labor government would ensure the Suncoast Community Legal Service has the funds it needs to keep its doors open and continue to serve those in need.

"The LNP have made short sighted cuts to community legal services on the coast with no consideration for the people they will impact," said Mr Anderson.

"Malcolm Turnbull and George Brandis have cut \$52 million from Community Legal Centres, Legal Aid Commissions and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services".

"The Turnbull Government's recent funding announcements are a poor attempt to fix the mess they created. Their announcements do not go far enough to

address the 30 per cent funding cut Community Legal Centres will face on 1 July 2017, which will see many centres having to close their doors to clients.

Labor is proud to announce that as part of a \$43 million package for frontline

legal services working to help survivors of domestic violence, Suncoast Community Legal Service will receive \$450,000 in funding over the next three years.

"Labor knows how important Community Legal Centres are to people on the Sunshine Coast".

"They help people when they are often at their lowest and most desperate".

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"Thousands of people out here in country Queensland are struggling to make ends meet, let alone afford legal representation.

"Only a Shorten Labor Government will ensure Sunshine Coast residents have access to legal services in times of need."



Left to right: Bill Gissane - Labor Candidate for Fisher; Scott Anderson - Labor Candidate for Fairfax; Louise Jeffs, Centre Co-ordinator; Claire Moore - Senator for Queensland; Alexandra Brunswick, Family Lawyer

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