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## Free legal services to continue

COMMUNITIES across the Central Highlands will directly benefit from a multimillion-dollar funding boost to provide free legal services.

Central Queensland Regional Community Legal Centre will receive \$3.2 million over the next five years to deliver quality legal assistance to the community.

CQCLC President Rick Palmer said the team currently consisted of five solicitors who serviced different regions across Central Queensland, including Emerald, Blackwater, Biloela and Rockhampton.

“While the mining sector has brought in people who are well off, there are lots of others who aren’t and need access to legal services,” he said.

“It’s important we are able to provide services for those people as well, and this funding will allow us to do that.”

The State-Commonwealth funding is being delivered through the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020-25.

Central Queensland Community Legal Centre provides general legal advice, referral and some casework on a full-time basis.