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Funding boost secures future of community legal services



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

Central Queensland Community Legal Centre (CQCLC) 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 comprised five solicitors who service 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," Mr Palmer said.

Our community legal centres provide advice and assistance to some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people.

“This package is worth \$3.2 million over five years and it will give Central Queensland’s community legal sector the certainty it needs to continue its great work.”

The CQCLC provides general legal advice, referral and some casework on a full-time basis.

The centre also undertakes collaborative community legal education activities.

