



\$119 million funding boost for community legal services

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Queenslanders are set to benefit from a \$119.45 million cash injection for community legal services over the next five years.

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Yvette D’Ath said the joint State-Commonwealth funding would ensure the ongoing provision of quality legal assistance services, delivered in the community to thousands of Queenslanders.

“Queensland’s community legal sector delivers vital services to thousands of Queenslanders,” Mrs D’Ath said.

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

“This package is worth \$119 million over five years and it will give our community legal centres the certainty they need to continue their great work.”

Mrs D’Ath said the Palaszczuk Government worked closely with the sector’s peak body, Community Legal Centres Queensland, on the funding package, delivered through the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020-25.

“This funding will go to legal services providers in key regional centres including Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Gladstone and Hervey Bay,” she said.

“With the impacts of COVID-19, a lot of Queenslanders are struggling to make ends meet right now, but many still need access to quality legal services.