

# Legal Assistance Strategy and Funding

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# Updates



FUNDING



LEGAL ASSISTANCE  
STRATEGY



THE YEAR AHEAD

\$4.351 million (2021-25)  
Legal assistance services to people  
experiencing workplace sexual  
harassment or discrimination

\$4.220 million (2021-25)  
Legal assistance services to support  
people with mental health conditions  
to access the justice system

Flood legal assistance funding  
(State contingency and  
Commonwealth)

# Funding update

# Legal Assistance Strategy and Action Plan

## Sector consultation

- Undertaken primarily in 2021
- Regional and Specialist Legal Assistance Forums
- Written submissions
- Data analysis

## Legal Assistance Strategy

- Informed by sector consultation
- LASF currently seeking feedback from the sector on draft Strategy
- Final Strategy due to the Commonwealth by 1 July 2022

## Legal Assistance Action Plan

- Reflects strategic direction of the Strategy
- Feedback will be sought from the sector
- Final Plan due to the Commonwealth by 30 September 2022



# Sector consultation

## Observations

Need to better identify, monitor and respond to the impacts of COVID-19 on legal need

Opportunity to improve how we respond to episodic events e.g. natural disasters

Homelessness is increasing

Regional, rural and remote service barriers

Variance in funding cycles, service definitions and reporting obligations

Importance of RLAfs and SLAFs

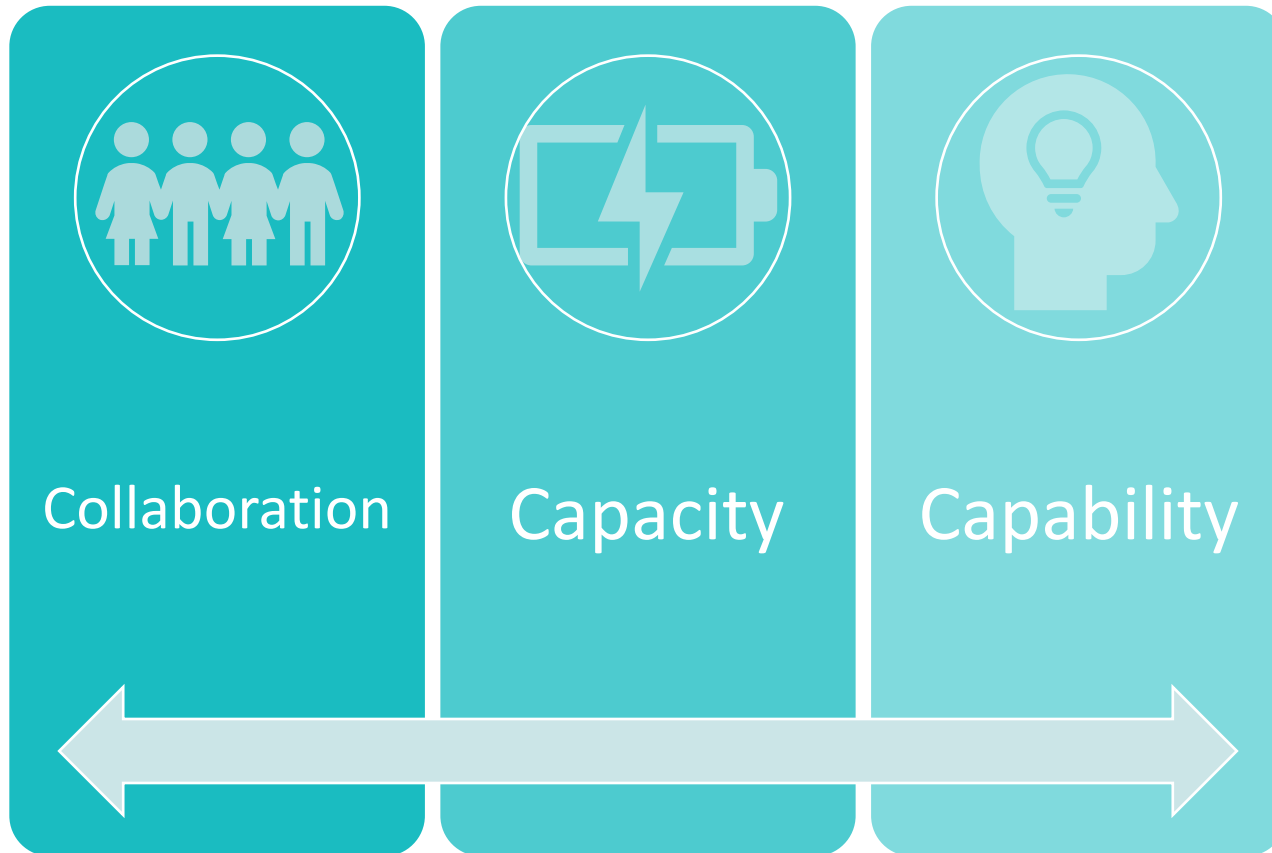
Significant reporting requirements of the NLAP

Unmet or underserved specialist legal need

Resource constraints on collaborative service planning

Recruitment and retention

# Legal Assistance Strategy



# LASF priorities for the year ahead

Data and reporting

Family Violence  
Prevention Legal  
Services transition  
to NLAP

Collaborative  
Service Planning



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