



Kelvin Thomson MP

Federal Labor Member for Wills

Federal Labor Government \$67,656 funding boost to Moreland Legal Centre Inc

Kelvin Thomson, Federal Member for Wills, today welcomed the Attorney General's announcement of an additional \$67,656 one off funding for the Moreland Community Legal Centre Inc.

"This funding injection will assist the Moreland Community Legal Centre manage the increase in demand for their services", Mr Thomson said.

"I am delighted the Attorney General has recognised the valuable contribution the Moreland Legal Centre provides to our local community.

"The funding injection demonstrates the Federal Labor Government's strong commitment in helping vulnerable people access much needed legal assistance services.

"Community legal centres and legal aid provide valuable assistance to disadvantaged people in a range of areas that include family and criminal law, tenancy issues, employment disputes and consumer and credit debt.

"This funding will assist the Centre in continuing to provide these key services, particularly in relation to family law and homelessness, which are key priorities of the Federal Labor Government".

Nation wide the Labor Government has announced \$10 million of one-off additional funding for Community Legal Services.

The one off funding boost coincides with the completion of the Commonwealth's review of its Community Legal Services Program.

The review confirms the key role the Program plays in assisting members of the community with legal and related problems, and the expertise and innovative approach adopted by community legal centres in providing this assistance.

"It is extremely important that community legal services are adequately funded and resourced in order to cater for the needs of our most vulnerable. This funding will allow the Moreland Community Legal Centre to continue this", Mr Thomson concluded.

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