



Kelvin Thomson MP

Federal Labor Member for Wills

## **Helping Greek families in Wills**

Greek families in Wills, will benefit from \$97,282.68 in Australian Government funding to local organisations providing early-intervention services to make families stronger and more resilient, Kelvin Thomson, Member for Wills, said today.

Early intervention services including counselling, skills training and mediation will be delivered along with post-separation services with the focus on the safety and wellbeing of children.

Mr Thomson said the funding announced by the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin, would give the Australian Greek Welfare Society certainty of funding.

The Australian Government is providing the Australian Greek Welfare Society with \$97,282.68 until the end of 2011, to provide early intervention programs to help families overcome difficulties before they become entrenched.

“The Australian Greek Welfare Society will receive funding for their ‘Men and Family Relationships Project’ “, Mr Thomson said.

“The funding reflects the Government’s decision to place all family relationship service providers on rolling three year funding agreements.

“The three year funding policy is an important step to guarantee certainty and clarity; it will mean services can provide ongoing services at the same time providing training and career security for staff.

“It also reduces the likelihood of separation with all the social and economic costs involved for both the family and the wider community”, Mr Thomson concluded.

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