

Federation Justice Policy Plan: 2011 - 2014

The Justice Policy Plan outlines the Federation's goals in the specific area of our law reform and policy work.

GOAL	1. Fairer and more accessible civil law system					
Priority	Resource Allocation	Actions		Measure	Responsible	Completion Date
	Low	1.	Advocate for the implementation of the recommendations of the Federation's alternative dispute resolution report	Recommendations implemented	LOB	Annual review
	Medium	2.	Participate in the Taxi Driver Legal Project to identify, document, and make recommendations to address, legal issues facing taxi driver's involved in motor vehicle accidents	Reform proposals identified and documented	LOB	31 December 2011
	Medium	3.	Scope and undertake project to improve outcomes for vulnerable debtors involved in debt recovery action in the Magistrates Court	Project undertaken and reform proposals identified and documented	JB	31 December 2011
	Medium*	4.	Work with CLCs and VLAF partner agencies to improve access to civil law assistance in priority area	Need researched Report documenting need and reform recommendations prepared Advocacy conducted to implement recommendations	JB	31 December 2012 31 December 2013 31 December 2014
	Low	5.	Review and update Federation employment law policy positions	Positions updated	JB	30 September 2011

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GOAL	2. Improved human rights protection					
Priority	Resource Allocation	Actions		Measure	Responsible	Completion Date
	Low	1.	Support CLCs to advocate for maintaining and strengthening the Victorian Human Rights Charter	Resources promoted Training facilitated Collaborative submission made to Charter review	JB	30 September 2011
	Low	2.	Advocate for the strengthening of Federal anti-discrimination laws and the harmonisation of anti-discrimination across Australia jurisdictions	Advocacy conducted Collaborative submission made	JB	30 June 2012
	Low	3.	Continue to work with PILCH and LGBTI agencies to improve access to justice for LGBTI communities	Recommendations of PILCH LGBTI legal needs report implemented	CA, CF	Annual review
	Low	4.	Review and update the Federation's LGBTI policy positions	Policy positions updated	CA	31 December 2011

GOAL	3. Promoting the rights of people with a disability					
Priority	Resource Allocation	Actions		Measure	Responsible	Completion Date
	Medium*	1.	Conduct pilot project to increase advocacy support for sexual assault victims with a cognitive impairment	Project completed	MM, CA	30 June 2013
	Medium	2.	Intensive support to Disability Working Group to improve disability CLC collaboration	Working group operating effectively	CA	Annual review

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GOAL	4. Family violence prevention					
Priority	Resource Allocation	Actions		Measure	Responsible	Completion Date
	Low	1.	Represent views and interests of CLC clients at relevant family violence forums	Working group operating effectively Attendance	CA	Annual review
	Low*	2.	Continue to work with Victoria Police and the Office of Public Prosecutions to prevent re-victimisation of family violence victims through inappropriate prosecutions	Policy and practice change within Victoria Police and OPP	CA	31 December 2012
	Low*	3.	Work with Women's Legal Service and other CLCs to analyse impacts of police safety notices and recommend changes	Analysis conducted and recommendations made	CA	30 June 2012
	Low*	4.	Work with the PILCH Homeless Person's Clinic to recommend reform to prevent the inappropriate prosecution of fines against family violence victims	Recommendations made to amend	CA	31 December 2012
	High*	5.	Evaluate and update the Code of Practice for CLC Family Violence Lawyers	Code of Practice evaluated Code of Practice updated	CA	30 June 2012 30 June 2013
	Medium*	6.	Provide training and legal practice support to CLC family violence lawyers	Family violence lawyer network working effectively Annual training provided Legal practice support provided	CA, CF	Annual review Annual Ongoing

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GOAL	5. A fairer, more humane and more effective criminal justice system					
Priority	Resource Allocation	Actions		Measure	Responsible	Completion Date
	High*	1.	Continue Smart Justice project	Website maintained and updated Factsheets updated New factsheets prepared Advocacy conducted	MM	Annual review
	Low	2.	Advocate for the implementation of the recommendations of the Federation's Taser report and monitor Taser use by Victoria Police and other police agencies	Recommendations implemented Monitoring conducted	MM	Annual review Annual review
	Medium*	3.	Conduct research and advocacy to reduce the risk of injury and death from avoidable police firearms use	Research undertaken Report documenting research and reform recommendations prepared Advocacy conducted to implement recommendations	MM	30 June 2013 31 December 2013 30 June 2014
	Low	4.	Work with relevant CLCs to advocate for a more independent and effective system of responding to police misconduct	Collaborative advocacy undertaken	MM	Annual review
	Low	5.	Provide support to Corrections Working Group and the Centre for the Human Rights of Imprisoned People to maintain and expand prison law services and to advocate for a fair and humane corrections system	Working group operating effectively	MM, HDK	Annual review
	Low	6.	Work with relevant CLCs to respond to relevant anti-terrorism law reviews	Working group operating effectively	MM	Annual review

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GOAL	6. Reducing Indigenous disadvantage					
Priority	Resource Allocation	Actions		Measure	Responsible	Completion Date
	Low	1.	Collaborate with Indigenous CLCs on relevant policy initiatives including the Smart Justice project and coronial law reform	Indigenous CLC input to work	CA, MM	Ongoing
	Low	2.	Review and update the Federation's Indigenous policy positions	Positions updated	CA	31 December 2011
	Low	3.	Work with the Victorian Legal Assistance Forum to facilitate Indigenous cultural competency training for CLCs	Training provided	CF	30 June 2012

GOAL	7. A coronial system that is more responsive to families and that has a strengthened preventative role					
Priority	Resource Allocation	Actions		Measure	Responsible	Completion Date
	Medium	1.	Finalise coronial reform paper, launch paper and advocate for implementation of recommendations	Paper completed and launched Advocacy to implement recommendations conducted	CA	31 December 2011 31 December 2012
	Medium	2.	Expand network of individuals and agencies involved in coronial law reform	Network expanded	CA	30 June 2012
	Medium	3.	Establish online presence for information on coronial reform and accessing legal assistance with inquests	Online presence established	CA	31 December 2012