

Media Release



State community legal peak announces new head

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The appointment of a new Executive Officer was announced today by Victorian community legal peak, the Federation of Community Legal Centres. Liana Buchanan will take up the role in April, and assumes the position following the earlier departure of former Executive Officer, Hugh de Kretser, who left to become Executive Director of the Human Rights Law Centre after six years as head of the Federation.

Ms Buchanan comes to the role with a breadth of high-level legal experience, including a period as acting coordinator of the Women’s Legal Service South Australia, and as advisor to Rob Hulls in his former role as Victorian State Attorney-General. Most recently, Ms Buchanan served as Director of Victoria’s Office of Correctional Services Review.

Federation Chair Nick Hudson welcomed the new appointment, which he said would help to ensure the continued good work of the Federation.

“Ms Buchanan brings strong skills and experience in areas of law that are vitally important to the role of the Federation – especially in the legal representation of women, corrections, and across the breadth of issues she encountered as an advisor to a State Attorney-General.

“Her experience in the South Australian community legal sector will also prove an invaluable asset in leading the Federation,” Mr Hudson said today.

The Federation of Community Legal Centres is the peak body for 51 Victorian community legal centres (CLCs). The Federation offers quality, free legal help to people facing economic and social disadvantage who do not qualify for Legal Aid and are unable to afford a private lawyer.

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