

# Legal Assistance Dialogue

## Access to Justice - Challenges of developing a holistic legal service for people with a disability

VENUE Lionel Murphy Centre, 360 Queen Street, Melbourne

DATE Thursday 10 December, 2009

TIME 9.00am to 4.00pm

### Program

**9.00 – 9.20am Registration**

9.20 – 9.20am Welcome and introductions

**9.30 -10.45am Key note speakers**

***Access issues – challenges and barriers***

Lesley Hall, CEO, Australian Federation of Disability Organisations

***How the Disabilities Convention aims to bring about substantial change to the human rights situation of people with a disability?***

Annegret Kämpf, Researcher, Faculty of Law Monash University

**10.45 -11.15am Break**

**11.15 -1.00 Plenary Session 1**

- ***Building resilience in individuals, the community and the justice system: our views***  
Rob Daly, Managing Lawyer, Victoria Legal Aid

- ***Enabling people to understand their position and options when dealing with legal problems***

Deborah Randa, Solicitor, Disability Discrimination Legal Centre

- ***Transcultural Mental Health Access Program***

Lucia Kokocinski, CEO, ADEC

Group discussion

**1.00 - 2.00pm Lunch**

**2.00- 3.30pm Plenary Session 2**

- ***Providing pathways to a fair and equitable outcome***

Saul Holt, Director of Criminal Directorate, Victoria Legal Aid

- ***Better information can lead to earlier action and better outcomes***

Diedre Griffiths, Principal Solicitor, Villamanta Legal Service

- ***Enabling matters to be directed to the most appropriate agency; triage role?***

Carman Parsons, Referrals, Equity and Access Policy Officer, Victoria Legal Aid

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**3.30- 4.00pm *Legal issues are symptoms of broader problems***

Bevan Warner, Managing Director, Victoria Legal Aid

**4.00pm Conclusion**

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