



# Legal Assistance Dialogue - Prison Forum

## Date 28 July 2009

### 9.00am to 1.00pm

Where: Lionel Murphy Centre, 360 Queen Street, Melbourne

*Working with people at the risk of imprisonment, imprisoned people and people who have been imprisoned*

Introduction to the topic & panel: Hugh de Kretser ( Deputy Chair of VLAF)

#### **Speakers**

- Lived experience of Imprisonment: **Vickie Roach**
- Systemic Issues in Imprisonment/ Decarceration (non-legal perspective): **Amanda George**
- Overview of Prisoners Legal Services in Victoria: **Phoebe Barton and Jim Nicolaides**
- VLA Service Provision and Gaps in Services to Imprisoned People: **Domenico Calabro**

#### **Following Speakers, Group Discussion on:**

1. What are the systemic issues?
2. What work are we already doing? How are we responding to these issues?
3. What resources do we need, and how can we work collaboratively and as organisations address these issues more effectively?

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