# Collaborative Planning Committee – 9 May 2024

## Details

**Date**: Thursday, 9 May 2024

**Time**: 11:00am – 1:00pm

**Location**: Zoom

### Attendees

* Diab Harb, Executive Director, Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS) – Acting Co-Chair
* Louise Glanville, CEO, Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) – Co-Chair
* Adam Awty, CEO, Law Institute of Victoria
* Anne Lenton, Manager, Legal Services, Djirra
* Lynne Haultain, Executive Director, Victoria Law Foundation
* Louisa Gibbs, CEO, Federation of Community Legal Centres
* Nerita Waight, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
* Kai Li Zhu, Senior Inhouse Legal Counsel, Victorian Bar

### Invitees

* Peter Noble, Executive Director, Regions and Service Delivery, Victoria Legal Aid
* Amanda Dunstall, Deputy CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
* Abby Sullivan, Associate Director, Diversity and Inclusion, Victoria Legal Aid
* Liz Hughes, Senior Policy and Project Manager, Victoria Legal Aid – Secretariat

### Apologies

* Marian Chapman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS) – Co-Chair

## Summary

The committee met online and opened with an Acknowledgement of Country, noting the many First Nations lands from which committee members joined the discussion and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

The committee discussed:

* Victorian state budget outcomes
* The delayed release of the National Legal Assistance Partnership review report
* The State of the Sector Report by CLCs Australia, raising challenges faced by community legal centres, including a large increase in demand for legal services and many help-seekers unable to get support due to lack of funding.
* The State of the Bar report analysed a long-term change in demographics, income and wellbeing for Victorian barristers over time. Victoria Legal Aid’s Equity and Diversity List of barristers has been launched. Further discussion on increasing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession was deferred until the next meeting.
* General organisational updates.

The committee will next meet on 2 August 2024.