# Collaborative Planning Committee – 2 August 2024

## Details

**Date**: Friday, 2 August 2024

**Time**: 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Location**: Zoom

### Attendees

* Marian Chapman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS) – Co-Chair
* Louise Glanville, CEO, Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) – Co-Chair
* Adam Awty, CEO, Law Institute of Victoria
* Louisa Gibbs, CEO, Federation of Community Legal Centres
* Kai Li Zhu, Senior Inhouse Legal Counsel, Victorian Bar
* Amanda Dunstall, Deputy CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
* Mary Morison, Engagement and Support, Djirra

### Invitees

* Peter Noble, Executive Director, Regions and Service Delivery, Victoria Legal Aid
* Abby Sullivan, Associate Director, Diversity and Inclusion, Victoria Legal Aid
* Nigel Balmer, Research Director, Victorian Legal Services Board and Commissioner
* Hugh McDonald, Acting Research Director, Victoria Law Foundation
* Liz Hughes, Senior Policy and Project Manager, Victoria Legal Aid – Secretariat

### Apologies

* Nerita Waight, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
* Anne Lenton, Manager, Legal Services, Djirra
* Lynne Haultain, Executive Director, Victoria Law Foundation

## 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:

* Cultural capability in the legal assistance sector, work led by VALS and Djirra
* National Legal Assistance Partnership negotiation progress
* Victoria Legal Aid’s Diversity and Inclusion approach
* Public Understanding of Law Survey (PULS) report Volume 3, reflecting that lack of legal capability is a powerful barrier to accessing services, and being able to make use of advice or information received. Services need to be designed to match both need and capability.
* General organisational updates.

The committee will next meet on 9 September 2024.