# Collaborative Planning Committee – 10 December 2024

## Details

**Date**: Tuesday, 10 December 2024

**Time**: 9:30 – 11:00am

**Location**: Zoom

### Attendees

* Louisa Gibbs, CEO, Federation of Community Legal Centres (Federation) - Chair
* Marian Chapman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS) - Co-Chair
* Rose Hunt, Manager Legal Services, Djirra
* Adam Awty, CEO, Law Institute of Victoria (LIV)
* Lynne Haultain, Executive Director, Victoria Law Foundation (VLF)
* Rowan McRae, Acting CEO, Victoria Legal Aid (VLA)
* Thomas McAllister, Acting Senior Inhouse Legal Counsel, Victorian Bar

### Invitees

* Anna Tucker, Acting Executive Director, Courts and Justice Systems Reform, (DJCS)
* Abbey Hogan, Solicitor for Public Prosecutions, Office of Public Prosecutions (OPP)

### Apologies

* Nerita Waight, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS)

### Secretariat

* Nicole Burnard, EA to the CEO and Board, Federation

## Summary

The meeting opened with an acknowledgement of the Wurundjeri People, Traditional Owners of the lands the Committee was meeting on.

Key topics discussed included:

* The National Access to Justice Partnership (NAJP), which secured $677.8 million in federal funding for Victoria. The committee praised the collaborative efforts of Victorian stakeholders in achieving this outcome.
* Abbey Hogan from the OPP presented on its AI pilot project, Amicus X, designed to enhance case management efficiency. The committee discussed the importance of AI in the legal sector, emphasising the need for equitable access; ethical use and the potential benefits for small law firms and legal assistance providers.
* Updates were provided on organizational initiatives:
  + **Djirra** is expanding its regional services and working on the Misidentified First Nations Women Project.
  + **VLA** is negotiating a new enterprise agreement and has appointed an Ashley Morris as the inaugural Executive Director for First Nations Services. VLA also undertook a critical incident scenario training in the Melbourne Magistrates’ Court.
  + **LIV** is preparing for new anti-money laundering legislation which will impact legal practices for the first time.
  + **VLF** is continuing its Measure for Measure project and presented at the Access to Justice forum in Toronto, Canada.
  + **DJCS** reported that business cases have been progressed in the state budget process. Electronic monitoring of children on bail will commence in 2025.
  + **Victorian Bar Council** - Liz Bennett, President of the Victorian Bar Council has been appointed to the Federal Court. Justin Hannebery is Acting President of the Victorian Bar Council.
  + **The Federation** presented on progress towards achieving the goals of the CLC sector 10-Year plan after one year of implementation.

The meeting concluded with reflections on 2024, a review of the Terms of Reference, and planning for 2025.

Action items included further exploration of AI applications and disaster preparedness advocacy.

The date for next meeting of the committee is to be advised.