# Collaborative Planning Committee – 24 March 2025

## Details

**Date**: Monday, 24 March 2025

**Time**: 11:00am – 1:00pm

**Location**: Zoom

### Attendees

* Marian Chapman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS), Meeting Chair
* Louisa Gibbs, CEO, Federation of Community Legal Centres (Federation), Co-Chair)
* Adam Awty, CEO, Law Institute of Victoria (LIV)
* Fleur Ward, Senior Education and Litigation Lead, Djirra
* Kai Li Zhu, Senior Inhouse Legal Counsel, Victorian Bar
* Patricia Athanasiadis, Director, Justice System Policy Reform (DJCS)
* Thomas McAllister, Acting Senior Inhouse Legal Counsel, Victorian Bar
* Toby Hemming, CEO, Victoria Legal Aid (VLA)

### Invitees

* Lee Carnie (Federation)
* Emily Chauvel (VALS)
* Ashley Morris (VLA)
* Audrey Packer Cook (VLA)
* Kamna Muddagouni (VLA)
* Donna Cooper (LIV)

### Apologies

* Nerita Waight (VALS)
* Anna Tucker (DJCS)
* Anne Lenton (Djirra)
* Lynne Haultain (VLF)

### Secretariat

* Nicole Burnard, Executive Assistant to the CEO and Board, Federation

## Summary

The meeting began with an Acknowledgement of Country and introductions, followed by the approval of the previous meeting's minutes.

Key discussions included:

* Strategic planning for 2025, focusing on the Terms of Reference (TOR) and the mixed model's effectiveness. The committee agreed to arrange a facilitated session to discuss the mixed model and update the TOR to better reflect impact and legal needs.
* Future meeting topics were identified, including the competitive environment for legal assistance organisations, advocacy strategies, value-based pricing and interjurisdictional intelligence sharing.
* The committee heard about the coordination of law reform and policy work across the sector, with presentations from policy leads from VALS, LIV, VLA and the Federation.
* Updates were provided on the National Access to Justice Partnership (NAJP).
* Updates were provided on various organizational initiatives:
* LIV is conducting a cost of practice survey for ongoing advocacy.
* Djirra is working on regional expansion and addressing misidentification of women as the primary perpetrator of violence in intervention orders.
* VLA has been meeting with the Attorney-General and Police Minister around amendments to bail laws.
* DJCS identified training needs for legal professionals relating to bail amendments.
* The Victorian Bar Council is launching cultural awareness training in its Bar Readers’ Course with and preparing its fourth Reconciliation Action Plan.
* Federation of Community Legal Centres is halfway through a two-week program of continuing professional development for community lawyers.

The next meetings are scheduled for 28 May, 3 July, 10 September, and 17 December 2025.