

LEGAL AID MATTERS

BE AFRAID WITHOUT LEGAL AID

MORE FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS ARE ON THE WAY!

In 2014, the Federal Government announced more major cuts, including:

- A 30% cut to community legal centres; and
- A further \$4 million to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal services.

These cuts will cripple the sector and mean that more Australians will be denied legal help.

The cuts also compound Federal Government neglect of legal aid, year to year, with long-term reductions in per-capita funding and failure to index future funding against changes in demand or real inflation.

As a result, many government-funded legal services are simply closing down or ceasing to provide services, particularly in rural and regional areas.

Funding cuts help no-one, least of all taxpayers, who will face larger down-stream costs of funding courts, health services, community housing and other services, all of which face increased demand from people with unresolved legal problems.

The time to act is now!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Join the campaign for proper funding for legal aid by visiting www.legalaidmatters.org.au
- Via the website you learn more about the crisis, sign a petition and even directly write your local Member of Parliament.