

LEGAL AID MATTERS

BE AFRAID WITHOUT LEGAL AID

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU CAN'T GET LEGAL AID?

BE AFRAID!

In all likelihood, the Federal Government's failure to properly fund legal aid means that you will have to either deal with your legal problems on your own, or find thousands of dollars to pay a lawyer.

Serious legal problems are like serious health problems – they generally don't just 'go away'!

Unresolved legal problems typically escalate, affecting employment, livelihoods and destroying lives.

WHY LEGAL AID MATTERS

A recent survey showed that 25% of all Australians every year face legal problems serious that require the assistance of a lawyer.

When the people who accessed legal aid were asked if they felt better able to plan and organise their affairs, understood what steps they needed to take and understood their options, 100% said "yes".

People who could not access legal aid and could not afford a lawyer, however, reported high levels of anxiety and stress, family strain and inability to cope.

You have a right to legal help, which will be denied to you and those you care about unless you demand action from the Federal Government.

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.



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