

Appendix 6 Law reform submissions

In 2022–23, Legal Aid NSW made 84 law reform submissions (40 public and 44 confidential) to a range of government and non-government consultations on issues that affect our clients and our organisation. This is fewer than the previous financial year as a result of staff shortages, and the NSW election.

Public submissions included the below.

- The Attorney-General's Department on Draft National Principles to Address Coercive Control.
- The NSW Department of Communities and Justice on Draft Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Regulation 2022 and Regulatory Impact Statement.
- The NSW Department of Communities and Justice on the statutory review of the *Victims Rights and Support Act 2013* (NSW).
- The Legal Services Council on conditional costs agreements.
- The Senate Education and Employment Committees on the Fair Work Amendment (Paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave) Bill 2022.
- The NSW Department of Communities and Justice on the Crimes Legislation (Coercive Control) Bill 2022.
- The NSW Department of Communities and Justice on the review of the *Terrorism (Police Powers) Act 2022* (NSW).
- The NSW Law Reform Commission on the review of show cause offences in the *Bail Act 2013* (NSW).
- The NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet on the development of NSW Alcohol and Other Drug Strategy.
- The Senate inquiry into current and proposed sexual consent laws in Australia.
- The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability on conditions in detention in the criminal justice for people with disability (as part of National Legal Aid).
- The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability on conditions in detention in the criminal justice for people with disability (additional Legal Aid NSW submission).
- The NSW Sentencing Council on the review of fraud and fraud-related offences.
- The Department of Customer Service on the review of the domestic violence provisions in the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* (NSW).
- The Senate inquiry into the extent and nature of poverty in Australia.
- The Australian Human Rights Commission on youth justice and child wellbeing reform.
- The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations on stronger protection for workers against discrimination.
- The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations on employee like forms of work.
- The Department of Veterans' Affairs on the Veterans' Legislation Reform Consultation Pathway.
- The Joint Statement on the Power to Prevent discrimination and sexual harassment (with National Legal Aid).
- The Senate Select Committee on Australia's disaster resilience (with National Legal Aid).
- The Department of Home Affairs on the Legislative Instrument Migration Regulation 1994 – Specification of Evidentiary Requirements – IMMI 12/116.

- The Department of Social Services on the review of the Disability Support Pension Impairment Tables (with National Legal Aid).
- The Administrative Appeals Tribunal on the revised Migration and Refugee Division Practice Direction.
- The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet on the NDIS Review.
- Senate Inquiry into barriers to consistent, timely and best practice assessment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and support services for people with ADHD (with Your Story Disability Legal Support).
- The Attorney-General's Department on the review into an appropriate cost model for Commonwealth anti-discrimination laws.
- The Treasury on the options paper regulating buy now, pay later in Australia (with National Legal Aid).
- The Australian Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights inquiry into Australia's Human Rights Framework (with National Legal Aid).
- The Attorney-General's Department on Administrative Review Reform (as part of National Legal Aid).
- The Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme on the General NDIS Inquiry (with National Legal Aid).
- To the Attorney-General's Department on the Family Law Act Amendment Bill 2023 (with National Legal Aid).
- The NSW Department of Communities and Justice on the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Amendment (Family is Culture) Bill 2022.
- The NSW Ombudsman on the review of the Department of Communities and Justice's system for handling child protection complaints involving Aboriginal people.
- The NSW Parliament Committee on Children and Young People Inquiry into the child protection and social services system, 2022.
- The Department of Social Services on the consultation on a new Act to replace the *Disability Services Act 1986* (with National Legal Aid).
- The NSW Sentencing Council for its review into Firearms, Knives, and other Weapons offences.
- The NSW Law Reform Commission for its review into Serious Road Crime.