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### **New mental health focused legal services announced for Mid North Coast**

Mid North Coast Legal Centre today welcomes an [announcement by NSW Attorney General Mark Speakman](#) for new funding to assist vulnerable members of the community experiencing mental health issues.

“We welcome the mental health assistance funding for members of our community struggling with civil law issues. We commend the NSW Government for recognising the unique legal services needs of this vulnerable group in our community.” “Our service has been providing civil law services to vulnerable members of our community for over ten years and this will allow us to expand this important community service.” says Jane Titterington, Principal Solicitor of Mid North Coast Legal Centre.

This new mental health focused funding will allow Mid North Coast Legal Centre to send lawyers to places where people experiencing mental health issues may be seeking other kinds of help and need help with a legal problem. Legal issues might include a debt or fine, a consumer or Centrelink issue or other specific mental health related legal issue.

The news of this new funding comes on the same day as MNCLC learned that they would not be receiving a share of the federal government’s [previously announced \\$129 million over four years for women's legal services](#) to combat domestic violence, allocated and announced by NSW Attorney General Mark Speakman yesterday. “We are, however, disappointed we will not receive a share of the domestic violence focused funding announced and need to cease offering this vital domestic violence legal program in two weeks if we cannot locate another funding source.” says Jane Titterington, Principal Solicitor of Mid North Coast Legal Centre.

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