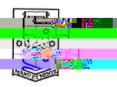


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KINGSFORD LEGÅL CENTRE

Dear Attorney,

Changeestathe Victime Componention Scheme

Kingsford Legal Centre welcomes the NSW Government's commitment to making charges can be reassessed under that scheme's provide the former scheme key factors impacting vulnerable clients when implementing the changes.

About Kingsford Legal Centre

Kingsford Legal Centre (KLC) is a community legal centre based of the lowership of rew South William NSW). Must have been providing legal advice and advocacy to people in need of legal assistance in the Randwick and provided Government Areas since 15-81. KLC provides general advice on a wide range of legal incust assistance that a season of the control of the cont

C. Basiderations Vy vulnerable clients

Our casework focus is on complex pattern for directed by the mave experienced by violence, child sexual abuse or sexual assault. In 2014 we gave 81 advices and opened 17 new cases about victims compensation.

Based on our exputing sites in implementing the changes to the Scheme.

- eause significant additional trauma to applicants who have also accessed in trauma from acts of violence and further trauma from reliving these experiences in applying to the construction and other legal processes. Reopening cases would also result in construction and other legal processes. Reopening cases would also result in construction and the construction of violence and regard assistance services supporting applicants to avoid additional retraumatisation.

carrent and new clients within existing resources. We are this legal need.

- No time limit for applicants to reapply: It may take applicants some time to assistance the coreopen cases, palticularly for times that have expending trauma. Further, it is likely that Victims Services may face difficulties in additional more vulnerable applicants in a short period of time. If a time limit is imposed, it should be a minimum of 5 years, in line with the current scheme where applications for the case as the kent point for 5 years.
- Adequate notice for applicants: Affected applicants to have their case reassessed with the possibility of additional compensation.
- Withdrawn applications: Applications to withdraw their applications following the changes to the component of the withdraw being on their applications to flow in their applications to flow in the changes when the amount of component in their applications to flow in the drastical, there is a second of the component of the component in the control of the co

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We complete to have conditions for a service evidence requirements can be a significant barrier to viction sexual abuse and sexual essault accessing the scilentine operations for a result of the applicant has been injured as a result of the accessing the scilentine operations for a result of the accessing the scilentine operations for a result of the accessing the scilentine operations for a result of the accessing the scilentine operations for a result of the accessing the scilentine operations for a result of the accessing the scilentine operations for a result of the accessing the scilentine operations for a result of the accessing the scilentine operations for a result of the accessing the scilentine operations for a result of the scilentine operations for a result of the scilentine operations of the scilentine o

We urge you to consider as a matter of the quency amending the documentary evidence requirement for applications for recognition payments an applicant establish an act of violence and an injury on a civil standard of proof, with the property of the control of t

We look forward to the pregistative review of the victims registed and support Act 20 mand will raise additional concerns through that process, including remove with the need for express reference to balance of probability test in the Act.

Please call me on (02) 9385 956 the if you have would like to discuss our comments. We would also welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss a second in person.

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