# FEDERAL STATE & TERRITORY GOVERNMENTS & ALL STAKEHOLDERS

# **4RS LEGAL ASSISTANCE REPORT CARD**

### **4RS STRATEGY**

National 4Rs Legal Access to Justice Strategy & Action Plan endorsed by all jurisdictions & stakeholders? **No: doesn't exist** 



FUNDING

Government grant funding to ATSILS, FVPLS, ACCO CLCs & CLCs is adequate in and for 4Rs areas? Achieved? No: chronically insufficient



National 4Rs Legal Workforce Plan endorsed by all jurisdictions & stakeholders? Achieved? No: doesn't exist

## **ADVOCACY & RESEARCH**

Advocacy & research capacity for 4Rs legal assistance & justice issues in place? Achieved? No: some progress / not enough

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### **BARRIERS OVERCOME?**

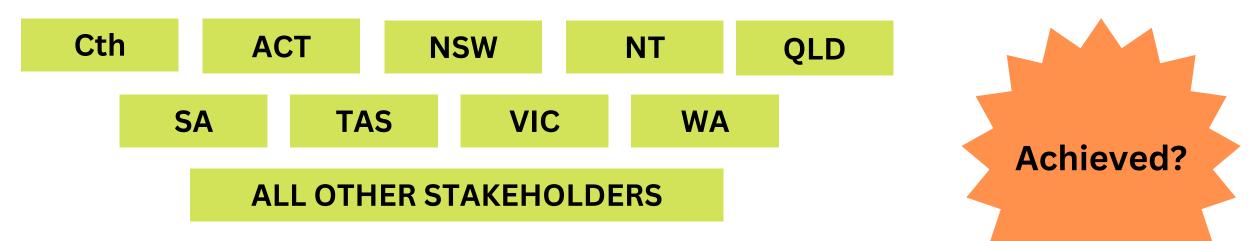
Barriers to full access by people and communities in 4Rs areas to timely legal assistance & wraparound, responsive to their needs, have been overcome? **Achieved? NO: barriers not addressed** 



REGIONAL, RURAL, REMOTE AND VERY REMOTE (4RS) LEGAL ASSISTANCE REPORT CARD: GUIDE AND ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR JURISDICTIONS AND STAKEHOLDERS, AUGUST 2024

NATIONAL 4RS COMMUNITY LEGAL NETWORK

4Rs Legal Assistance Report Card Federal, state, territory govts & all stakeholders: Aug 24 Regional, rural, remote and very remote (4Rs) Legal Assistance Report Card Guide and assessment tool for jurisdictions and stakeholders



- **1. National 4Rs Access to Justice Strategy & Action Plan endorsed by all jurisdictions and stakeholders?** Principles in the Strategy include:
  - Commitment to full access to legal assistance & wraparound support across 4Rs Aust.
  - Closing the Gap priorities, community-based, place-based legal assistance in 4Rs
  - Processes for accountability to 4Rs access to legal assistance stakeholders

#### 1. NO, NO STRATEGY

### NO

### 2. Govt. grant funding to ATSILS, FVPLS, ACCO CLCs & CLCs is adequate in and for 4Rs areas?

- 'Same job same pay' as LACs achieved for ATSILS, FVPLS, ACCO CLCs & CLCs in & for 4Rs?
- Funding levels enable these sectors to effectively and sustainably: o Cover their 4Rs service areas, including any newly added, without turn away? o In total, eliminate geographic gaps in access to legal assistance services?





- 3. National 4Rs Legal Workforce Plan endorsed by all jurisdictions & stakeholders?
  - Paralleled by identifiable 4Rs plan in each jurisdiction including ACT?
  - Plans address all issues including pipeline supports e.g. law schools & legal education?
  - Success of workforce efforts reflected in:
  - Full and responsive staffing of all 4Rs legal assistance roles in all legal assistance sectors?
  - Workforce supply overcome as a barrier to legal assistance and wraparound in 4Rs areas?

### 3. NO PLAN & SUCCESS INDICATORS NOT ACHIEVED

#### 4. Advocacy & research capacity for 4Rs legal assistance & justice issues in place?

- Peaks, networks & groups within sectors funded and facilitated for 4Rs inclusion?
- Research, monitoring, reporting & project capacity responds to 4Rs legal needs?

#### 4. NO TO BOTH POINTS

5. Barriers to full access by people and communities in 4Rs areas to timely legal assistance & wraparound, responsive to their needs, have been overcome?

#### **5.** *NO*

Image 1: Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre, Fitzroy Crossing, WA Flooding, Jan 23; Image 2: (map of Australia) Areas of disadvantage - 'white' insufficient data', red highest disadvantage, compiled from Robert Tanton, Lain Dare, Riyana Miranti, Yogi Vidyattama, Andrew Yule & Marita McCabe, <u>Dropping Off the Edge 2021: Persistent and multilayered</u> disadvantage in Australia (2021, Jesuit Social Services); Image 3. KWILS, Katherine Women's Information and Legal Service, 'Share the dignity', celebrating a donation.



