

# National Conference 2025: *The Law and More*

## Breakout session streams

The breakout (concurrent) sessions in the conference program will be structured under four streams. The streams have been informed by the conference theme, *The Law and More*.

1. **Navigating laws and systems** – Sessions in this stream will address key legal and systemic reforms impacting access to justice for people and communities and community legal centre practices, for example:
  - a. Changes to laws and legal systems that impact the people and communities we support (e.g., changes to employment or migration law, the NDIS or the family law system)
  - b. Changes to laws that impact centres' legal practice (e.g. privacy laws, laws governing charities, or trusts, legal professional obligations and standards)
  - c. Law reform and advocacy – critical and emerging issues and priorities for the 48th Parliament and how we can advocate effectively for progressive change (including international advocacy opportunities)
2. **Working holistically** – Sessions in this stream will address the unique ways community legal centres integrate a range of services to deliver wraparound support to – and improve access to justice for – people and communities, for example:
  - a. Integrated services and wraparound support (e.g., disability/tenant advocacy, financial counselling, family violence casework, Health Justice Partnerships)
  - b. Community Legal Education, community engagement, and outreach
  - c. Trauma-informed practice
3. **Staying strong and sustainable** – Sessions in this stream will focus on the key attributes of strong, and sustainable centres, for example:
  - a. Governance and leadership
  - b. Cultural safety, wellbeing, and self-care
  - c. Communications, partnerships, and collaboration
  - d. Disaster resilience
4. **Looking to the future** – Sessions in this stream will look ahead to the critical emerging issues facing our centres and the wider legal assistance sector in the short and longer-term, for example:
  - a. Digital transformation and legal practice
  - b. AI and human rights
  - c. Measuring outcomes and impact
  - d. Pursuing social justice in an age of increasing populism and conservatism
  - e. Funding (NAJP and beyond)