

4RS LEGAL ASSISTANCE REPORT CARD 2025 & PRIORITIES FOR 2026/7

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STATE & TERRITORY GOVERNMENTS & ALL STAKEHOLDERS

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4RS STRATEGY

National 4Rs Legal Access to Justice Strategy & Action Plan endorsed by all jurisdictions & stakeholders? **NOT achieved, doesn't exist.**



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FUNDING

Government funding to ATSILS, FVPLS, ACCO CLCs & CLCs is adequate in and for 4Rs areas? **NOT achieved. Some progress, but still chronically insufficient.**

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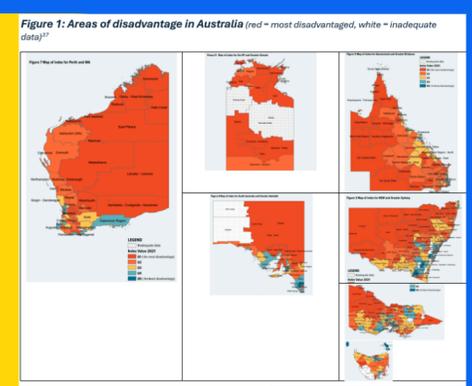
4RS WORKFORCE PLAN

National 4Rs Legal Workforce Plan endorsed by all jurisdictions & stakeholders? **NOT achieved, plan doesn't exist.**

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ADVOCACY & RESEARCH

Advocacy & research capacity for 4Rs legal assistance & justice issues in place? **NOT achieved, some progress but chronically insufficient.**



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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? **NOT achieved, some progress but vastly insufficient.**



4Rs Legal Assistance Report Card

Federal, state, territory govts & all stakeholders: Jan 2026 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
- Closing the Gap priorities, community-based, place-based legal assistance across 4Rs
- Processes for accountability to 4Rs access to legal assistance stakeholders



1. Strategy & Plan: 2026/7 - commit, progress, achieve.

2. Govt. 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?



2. 4Rs funding: 2026/7 - commit, progress, achieve.

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:
 1. Full & responsive staffing of all 4Rs legal assistance roles in all 4Rs legal assistance sectors?
 2. Workforce supply overcome as a barrier to legal assistance and wraparound in 4Rs areas?



3. 4Rs Legal Workforce Plan: 2026/7 - commit, progress, achieve.

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. 4Rs Advocacy & research: 2026/7 - commit, progress, achieve.

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. Barriers overcome: 2026/7 - commit, progress, achieve.