



Jason Wood MP
Federal Member for La Trobe

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Legal Aid Funding Secured for Casey Cardinia Community Legal Services

After meeting with representatives of the Casey Cardinia Community Legal Service (CCCLS) in July 2014, Jason Wood MP, Federal Member for La Trobe advocated for their funding of \$100,000 per year to be maintained rather than cut on 1 July 2015 so that they could continue to provide their vital service to our community.

“Over the past 18 months, a national conversation about domestic family violence has grown with increasing momentum. This is a vital service that should be maintained for our community.

“The CCCLS came to me some time ago concerned that they would no longer be able to provide legal advice to those who need it most.

“Domestic violence in La Trobe is of real concern to me. The CCCLS provide assistance to victims of domestic violence and they are paramount to community safety in La Trobe.” said Mr Wood.

The CCCLS assists over 1500 people who are mainly women with family violence issues each year and many of these also are dealing with the trauma of marital breakdown.

“Our emphasis is on ‘collaborative law’ that is trying to keep people out of the courts and helping them negotiate settlements at an early stage.”

“We are extremely happy to have our funding for the Narre Warren office guaranteed for the next two years. It means we can continue to do our best for the community and represent them well” said Vera Hardiman, CCCLS Coordinator.