

Our vision is to strive towards a fairer society by making a positive difference to the lives of people in our community.

We will do this by increasing our community's understanding of and access to the legal system through free legal advice, education, law reform and tenant advocacy.

We have a commitment to social justice. We respect diversity. We value the strengths and abilities of our community.

We acknowledge the traditional owners of our region, the Darug, Gundungurra and Wiradjuri nations.

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OUR VISION

Elizabeth Evatt is a celebrated lawyer with strong ties to our local community. She has given a lifetime of service to the justice system as a judge, law reformer, academic and international human rights advocate and was the first Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia. She is the patron of our centre.

The Elizabeth Evatt Community Legal Centre honours her legacy through its commitment to social justice and the promotion of equality.

Do you need an interpreter?



Call the Telephone and Interpreting Service(TIS) on 131 450. State the name of the language you speak, and ask to be connected to the Elizabeth Evatt Community Legal Centre on 4704 0207.

Your Feedback

We welcome feedback, so if you have any comments or are unhappy with our service call or write to the Principal Solicitor at the address below.

Elizabeth Evatt Community Legal Centre

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Free Legal Services

Serving the communities of the Blue Mountains and Central Tablelands



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Elizabeth Evatt Community Legal Centre is an independent, not for profit community organisation that provides free legal advice and other legal services to the communities of the Blue Mountains, and Central Tablelands.

As part of a national network of Community Legal Centres, we work towards achieving a fairer and more accessible legal system - especially for those who are socially or economically disadvantaged.

Who can use our services?

Anyone who lives in the Blue Mountains, or Central Tablelands regions can contact our service. We provide outreach services to Lithgow, Bathurst, and Orange.

How can you get legal advice?

We operate a phone advice line on the following days and times:

Legal advice line: 4704 0207

Tuesdays 9.30-12.30pm

Wednesdays 1.30-4.30pm

Thursdays 9.30-12.30pm

Messages can also be left outside these times.

We prioritise assistance to the most vulnerable people in our community. Sometimes our solicitors can offer individual clients face to face appointments, but normally you need to get telephone advice first.

If you live outside the Blue Mountains, you can contact one of our outreach locations to make an appointment:

- Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre - Phone: 6352 2077
- Bathurst Neighbourhood Centre Phone: 6332 4866
- Bathurst Family Relationship Centre Phone: 6331 6649
- Orange Aboriginal Medical Service Phone: 6393 9000

We do not give legal advice on business, tax, conveyancing, neighbourhood disputes, immigration or criminal matters. If we can't help you, we will always try to refer you to a service that can help.

What sort of legal advice do we provide?

Getting legal advice means that a solicitor will explain your legal options so you can decide what to do. The areas of law that we give advice on are:

- Apprehended Violence Orders (AVOs)
- Consumer rights – buying goods & services
- Credit and debt matters
- Discrimination
- Employment
- Family law/care matters
- Family violence & sexual assault
- Fines
- Minor traffic offences
- Tenancy
- Victims compensation
- Wills, Powers of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship (we do not draft these documents)

All our services are confidential. Any information you give to us is not disclosed to any other people without your permission.

Casework/ Representation

We may provide some casework in the areas of law in which we give advice, depending on our capacity and the complexity of the matter.

What if both sides come to us for help?

We cannot give legal advice to both parties in a dispute. If there is a conflict of interest, we will always refer one of the parties to another free legal service.

What other services do we offer?

Community Legal Education

We give talks and run workshops for the community on many aspects of the legal system. We also produce legal information resources that you can pick up from the Centre or obtain online at www.eeclc.org.au

Tenant's Advice and Advocacy Service

Our Tenant Advocates provide information, advice and some representation to tenants living in the Blue Mountains.

Tenancy advice line: 4704 0201

Mondays & Tuesdays 9.30-12.30pm

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Policy and Law Reform

We advocate to change and improve the law for the benefit of our clients and community.