

Human Rights and the Illawarra Legal Centre

The Illawarra Legal Centre, in its work, promotes human rights in terms of its casework involvement with the community and in community education initiatives.

Examples are:

- Working in the community to promote awareness of human rights. This includes public opportunities for discussion and letter writing on issues related to human rights, poverty and social concerns affecting the lives of our constituent groups; using the local media, networking opportunities and community legal education sessions to highlight local and regional social justice concerns continue to be a priority.
- Focusing on human rights issues in the Illawarra and consulting with the local community about human rights concerns. This includes monitoring and lobbying for long term funding for essential community services. In addition, the ILC participates in relevant government and community consultations and review processes to share the insights our work provides on credit and debt, Centrelink problems, tenancy and homelessness, youth legal needs and a range of general legal issues including domestic violence, victims' compensation and child support.
- Participating in the public debate and discussion about the protection of human rights under Australian law, including discussion about a national Charter of Rights for Australia. This includes working closely with the national network of Community Legal Centres to contribute ideas regarding the formulation of a national Charter of Rights.

For more information or assistance in the area of human rights contact us at the Illawarra Legal Centre on 42761939.