# Collaborative Planning Committee Summary

Date: Wednesday, 30 November 2022

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: Zoom

**Present:** Louise Glanville, CEO, Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) – Chair, Adam Awty, CEO, Law Institute of Victoria, Gordon Chisholm, Member, Victorian Bar, Louisa Gills, CEO, Federation of Community Legal Centres, Lynne Haultain, Executive Director, Victoria Law Foundation, Nerita Waight, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

**Guests:** Peter Noble, Executive Director, Regions and Service Delivery, VLA (Observer), Sharon Keith, Program Manager, Disaster Legal Help, Keren Murray, Consultant, Kathryn BannonExecutive Director Governance & Integrity Policy, Department of Justice and Community Safety (entire meeting as delegate), Jacqueline Storey, Manager, Research and Evaluation, VLA, Dr Hugh McDonald, Principal Researcher, Victoria Law Foundation, Angela Overmars, Executive Assistant, VLA – Secretariat

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The Committee met online. The Committee opened with an Acknowledgement of Country, noting the many First Nations lands from which Committee members joined the discussion and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging and noted that lands were never ceded.

The Committee welcomed Kathryn Bannon from Department of Justice and Community Safety, noting apologies from Marian Chapman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice and Community Safety.

The Committee discussed:

* An update on Disaster Legal Help focussed on the recent flood response in Northern Victoria and preparedness for the forthcoming fire season.
* The final report and independent evaluation of the Committee’s function and effectiveness since its inception.
* An update from the Department of Justice and Community Safety regarding the panel firm review and associated pro bono contribution component.
* An update on Sector Outcomes Pilot Project identifying numerous emerging initiatives to articulate and trial program/project outcomes.
* The appointment of a Chair for 2023 and confirmed the CEO Victoria Legal Aid in this role for a further 12 months.

The Committee will next meet on Monday 30 January 2023.