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### **Media Release**

## **Urgent Funding Needed to Support Victims of Domestic and Family Violence**

We welcome [the announcement from the NSW Government in relation to Building Better Responses to the use of Domestic and Family Violence](#), however free legal services in regional areas for victim-survivors are at risk.

CTBMCLC are currently facing a critical funding shortfall that threatens our ability to continue our vital work. From 1 July 2025 we will have \$250,000 less funding to provide services to communities which will mean that we will need to withdraw our DV Duty Lawyer Service from 4 Local Courts and reduce our outreaches to Lithgow and Orange.

As a frontline service provider, we specialise in supporting victim-survivors of domestic and family violence in the Central Tablelands and Blue Mountains. However, without sufficient funding, our ability to deliver essential services is severely compromised, putting vulnerable individuals and families at risk in regional areas already impacted with unmet legal needs.

With a proven track record of providing comprehensive legal support and advocacy services, we have been a beacon of hope for countless victim-survivors seeking safety and justice.

We urgently call upon the government to address the critical funding shortfall facing our centre. One of the aims of the strategy is to enhance collaboration however without adequate resources, we are unable to meet the increasing demand for our services, leaving many disadvantaged individuals and families without the support they desperately need.

Arlia Fleming, CEO of CTBMCLC said, "We already have a consistent 3-week wait list, without access to our services, victim-survivors may be forced to remain in unsafe environments. Without early intervention and support, the long-term social and economic costs of domestic and family violence will continue to escalate."

We implore government stakeholders at all levels to recognise the urgency of this situation and prioritise funding for frontline services like ours. Additionally, we urge community members and corporate partners to join us in advocating for increased legal assistance funding. Together, we can ensure that no one in our community is left without the resources and support they need to escape violence and rebuild their lives.

The time to act is now. Every day that passes without adequate funding puts lives at risk and perpetuates the cycle of violence. We urge all stakeholders to stand with us in our mission to end domestic and family violence and provide hope and healing to those in need. Please contact your local MP, the Premier of NSW and the NSW Attorney General to ensure that we can keep providing vital free legal services.

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