

## Pro Bono Policy

The Law Society of Tasmania encourages its members to provide pro bono legal services as part of their wider professional responsibility as legal practitioners. Pro Bono legal work is a voluntary activity that has been and continues to be part of practice traditionally adopted by the legal profession.

Pro bono legal services involve the provision of any services by lawyers or other staff which will enhance access to justice for disadvantaged persons or organisations and/or promote the public interest including circumstances where a practitioner without fee or without expectation of a fee or at a reduced fee, advises and/or represents a client in cases where:

- (a) a client has no other access to the courts and the legal system and/or,
- (b) the client's case raises a wider issue of public interest.

Pro bono legal services are not a substitute for the proper funding by governments of legal aid services or community legal centres.

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