

# FLAC Submission to

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### About FLAC

FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centres Ltd) is a non-governmental, voluntary organisation which exists to promote the fundamental human right of access to justice. FLAC was established in 1969 by law students to provide legal information, advice and representation to people who could not afford to pay for legal services and to campaign for a state civil legal aid system.

Today FLAC focuses on the use of law as a tool for social change and on the right of equal access to justice for all. We work particularly on the protection of economic, social and cultural rights, identifying and making policy proposals on how the law excludes marginalised and disadvantaged people, principally around social welfare law, personal debt & credit law and civil legal aid. We are an Independent Law Centre and take on a small number of strategic litigation cases each year. We advance the use of law in the public interest and we co-ordinate and support the delivery of basic legal information and advice to the public for free and in confidence.

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