

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

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Service Description

VALS provides free legal advice and representation for the Koorie community. The services VALS provides are as follows: Information, initial legal advice, minor assistance and referral; Duty lawyer assistance; Legal casework services including representation and assistance, covering Criminal Law, Civil Law and Family Law matters. Information Each of the VALS's offices can provide basic legal information. Initial Legal Advice Initial legal advice is the provision of legal advice or information that is not provided as part of duty lawyer work or casework. It includes referrals, preliminary assistance, the writing of short letters and completion of forms. Minor assistance Minor assistance is helping with phone calls or letters and advocacy in dealing with other services. Referral A VALS's staff member will use his or her professional judgement in making an appropriate referral having reference to the lists of appropriate sources of referral and assistance maintained by VALS.

Service Type

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