

Economic Justice Australia calls for uplift in funding for specialist social security legal services

Economic Justice Australia (**EJA**) is calling for an additional \$5 million per year for our member legal centres to deliver specialist social security legal services over the life of the National Access to Justice Partnership (**NAJP**). These services provide vital assistance to people who need to access their right to the social security safety net. They are crucial buffers against poverty and homelessness, as well as support mechanisms for justice, and social inclusion.

This funding will enable the training and retaining of the specific legal skills and experience required to deliver expert social security advice. It will also support other services to reach people in need through proven models of service delivery, including hub and spoke approaches.

This funding delivers on the call in the Report of the Robodebt Royal Commission to recognise the vital public interest role of member centres of EJA in delivering access to justice for disadvantaged members of the public and holding governments to account.