

How can you help save our Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service?

- > Sign petition, share on fb & encourage everyone in your address book to sign it (This will be sent around shortly and put on our fb page)
- > Email George Brandis in Canberra and tell him the palawa community wants the ALS run by the TAC which is your community controlled and based organisation. TAC ALS has delivered ALS for 42 years and has sound corporate and legal knowledge. No mainstream or interstate organisation can deliver the ALS in Tasmania with the same credentials.

Call the offices of the Prime Minister, Tony Abbott, Attorney General, Senator George Brandis and Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Nigel Scullion to protest the defunding of the TAC. Ask for ALS funding to the TAC to be reinstated immediately. Email Nigel Scullion (tell him why another state/ VALS couldn't provide a culturally appropriate service).

Some of the points you can make:

- The decision of funding another state goes against the Declaration of Indigenous Rights and the right to self-determination
- Another state could not provide culturally appropriate legal services to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community
- No other Aboriginal organisation could provide culturally appropriate legal services to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community.
- The Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service has been delivering quality and culturally appropriate legal services for over 40 years without any breach's, and holds an impeccable financial record.
- We call upon the Federal Attorney General, Senator George Brandis to urgently reverse his decision. Funding for the delivery of Aboriginal legal Service must be restored to our Tasmanian organisation with over 40 years of experience.

Letters/ email could be CC'd to the Tasmanian Premier & Attorney General (federal politicians such as Abetz)

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They have on-line complaints form.

Facebook –Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS)

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