



# AUSTRALIAN PRO BONO CENTRE

## National Pro Bono Aspirational Target Statement of Principles

### For Barristers' Chambers

**MINDFUL** of the professional responsibility of all lawyers to provide pro bono legal services to address the unmet legal needs of the poor and disadvantaged in the communities in which we live, and

**RECOGNISING** that pro bono is not a substitute for the proper funding by government of Legal Aid agencies, Community Legal Centres and other government funded legal services:

**The members of OUR CHAMBERS are pleased to join with other lawyers across the country in subscribing to the following statement of principles and in pledging our best efforts to achieve the voluntary target described below.**

- The members of our chambers recognise their professional obligation to provide pro bono legal services.
- We agree to use our best efforts to ensure that, by no later than 30 June in each year, our chambers' members will undertake an average of a minimum of 35 hours of [pro bono legal services](#) each year per member.
- In furtherance of these principles, our chambers also agrees to monitor its member's progress towards the targets established in this statement and to report its progress annually to the members of the chambers and to the Australian Pro Bono Centre.
- We acknowledge that when a barrister provides pro bono legal services, he or she owes the pro bono client the same professional and ethical obligations that are owed to any paying client and accordingly the barrister must give that work the same priority, attention and care as would apply to paid work.

You can find more information about the **National Pro Bono Aspirational Target**, or sign up, by going to:

[probonocentre.org.au/provide-pro-bono/aspirational-target/](http://probonocentre.org.au/provide-pro-bono/aspirational-target/)