

Strategic Plan

2021 - 2026



Law Council
OF AUSTRALIA

Purpose

The Law Council of Australia represents the Australian legal profession in Australia and internationally. It advocates on legal and policy matters of national and international importance to uphold the rule of law, to support the administration of, and to promote access to justice.

Strategic Objectives



Championing the Australian legal profession at the federal and international levels



Safeguarding the rule of law



Advocating on behalf of the Law Council's Constituent Bodies and in turn the legal profession



Advancing the integrity and excellence of the Australian legal profession

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Championing the Australian legal profession at the federal and international levels

- Collaborate and ensure representation in all matters involving uniformity and consistency of national laws, reform of federal law, legal practice in federal courts and international matters.
- Undertake representation to the federal government, parliament, courts, tribunals and regulators.
- Represent the Australian legal profession internationally.
- Maximise Australia's participation in the global legal services market.
- Contribute to the capacity building of the legal profession in the Pacific.
- Communicate regularly with and respond to Constituent Bodies and Sections about issues affecting the profession.
- Innovate internal operations to maximise relevant information-sharing with and between Constituent Bodies, Sections and key stakeholders.
- At the request of Constituent Body members progress tools and resources to assist them to prepare and plan to meet the needs of future consumers of legal services.

Safeguarding the rule of law

- Champion the rule of law and its effective delivery as the foundation of a just legal system.
- Lead law reform and legal policy with expertise at the national and international levels.
- Work closely with decision-makers and law-makers to influence and shape law consistent with the rule of law.
- Advocate for an appropriately resourced and accessible justice system.
- Facilitate the use of digital technology to enhance and ensure access to justice.
- Protect and defend the rule of law in international jurisdictions and particularly the Asia-Pacific region.

Advocating on behalf of the Law Council's Constituent Bodies and in turn the legal profession

- Advocate the economic and social recovery of the Australian legal profession post-COVID-19 and its role in rebuilding the economy.
- Encourage a unified voice for a unified profession.
- Provide the federal government and other stakeholders with balanced, respected, independent and apolitical policy positions.
- Respond to the changing needs of the Constituent Bodies.
- Advocate for legal business success.
- Engage the profession in providing channels to contribute through Constituent Bodies.
- Ensure policies are evidence-based, culturally appropriate and acknowledge Australia's international obligations.
- Develop policies to assist the profession to meet the needs of future consumers of legal services.
- Provide advocacy support on specific state-based issues when invited by Constituent Body members.

Advancing the integrity and excellence of the Australian legal profession

- Support increased diversity and inclusion within the Australian legal profession to reflect the Australian community.
- Nationally guide the maintenance of high standards of professional competence and ethical conduct.
- Improve access to the legal profession throughout regional Australia.
- In collaboration with Constituent Bodies promote and develop best practices across the Australian legal profession to ensure members of the profession all enjoy a safe and lawful workplace.
- Advocate for the establishment of a Federal Judicial Commission and transparent judicial appointments process.
- Advocate and identify the value of the Australian legal profession and the difference it makes to the community.
- Promote awareness of pro bono legal services.
- Promote consistent and coordinated regulation of the Australian legal profession.