

## **INFORMATION SHEET** **Legal Assistance for Fast Track Applicants -** **from 1 October 2017**

This information sheet explains the legal assistance Refugee Legal is providing for people who have already applied for protection under the **Fast Track Assessment** process before 1 October and need further legal help with the processing of their case.

It is essential that people get legal assistance for this process.

**Refugee Legal can provide you with free legal assistance** for the processing of your application at the following three stages:

1. **Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the Department):** While your application is being processed by the Department we can assist you with:
  - Providing further information and legal submissions; and
  - Your interview with the Department.
2. **Immigration Assessment Authority (IAA):** If your application has been refused by the Department, we can assist you with providing further information and legal submissions to the IAA.
3. **The Courts:** If your application has been refused by the IAA, we can assist you with appealing the decision to the Court.

**The legal assistance will be provided by our Refugee Legal team** of trained and experienced lawyers/registered migration agents. This help will be provided at one of our weekday or weekend clinics.

**All legal assistance provided by Refugee Legal is free.** On-site or telephone interpreters will be available for any person who needs interpreting assistance.

**Refugee Legal is a non-profit community legal centre** specialising in refugee and immigration law, policy and practice. Refugee Legal has been at the forefront of providing legal assistance to asylum seekers and refugees for 29 years.

### **For legal help, contact us by:**

**Tel:** (03) 9413 0101 or

**Email:** [clinic@refugeelegal.org.au](mailto:clinic@refugeelegal.org.au)

For further information about the Fast Track process, go to: [www.refugeelegal.org.au](http://www.refugeelegal.org.au)

**Important:** If you arrived by boat in Australia between 12 August 2012 and 1 January 2014 and you did NOT lodge an application for a visa before 1 October 2017, please contact Refugee Legal immediately for further advice and assistance.

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Defending the rights  
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