



## **Media Release 10 September 2008**

### **Federation Executive Officer appointed to the Victorian Law Reform Commission**

The Victorian Federation of Community Legal Centres Executive Officer, Hugh de Kretser, was yesterday appointed by the Victorian Government to the Victorian Law Reform Commission.

The Federation welcomed the announcement. “Hugh de Kretser will bring a breadth of expertise to the role having been closely involved in law reform and policy initiatives in areas including human rights, access to justice, prisons, criminal justice and employment law,” said Federation Chairperson Brendan Sydes. “On behalf of the Federation, I congratulate him on his appointment.”

“More broadly, the appointment is a testament to the importance of the law reform, community education and community development work performed by community legal centres,” said Mr Sydes. “Over the past three decades, important changes to Victoria’s laws and policies in areas such as sexual assault, credit and debt, infringements and family violence have been driven by community legal centres.”

Hugh has been appointed as a part-time Commissioner and will continue in his current role at the Federation.

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