



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Pilbara Community Legal Service Launches WA's First Social Enterprise Law Firm to Expand Access to Justice in the Pilbara**

*Karratha, WA – 16 June 2026* — Pilbara Community Legal Service (PCLS) has announced the launch of Western Australia's first social enterprise legal firm, a groundbreaking initiative designed to deliver affordable legal services while directly reinvesting profits into community support across the Pilbara.

Karratha Legal Alliance (**KLA**) was created for the Pilbara — a legal practice built around the needs of the people, families, and businesses that call this region home.

As Western Australia's first social enterprise law firm of its kind, Karratha Legal Alliance delivers affordable, high-quality legal services while creating lasting benefits for the community. Every client who engages KLA directly contributes to expanding access to justice across the Pilbara.

Established by Pilbara Community Legal Service (PCLS), KLA operates with a clear purpose: profits generated through legal services are reinvested back into PCLS to strengthen and expand free legal and non-legal support services for eligible clients throughout the region.

This innovative model creates a sustainable way to support vulnerable community members while providing accessible legal services for individuals and businesses who may not qualify for free assistance.

At Karratha Legal Alliance, community is not just part of the story — it is the reason the practice exists. Choosing KLA means choosing legal support that delivers both professional outcomes and meaningful local impact. The new firm will provide **low-cost legal services** in key areas including family law property and children, FVRO's, wills and estates, and commercial matters—addressing a critical gap for individuals and small

businesses who may not qualify for free services but still face financial barriers to accessing legal help.

The social enterprise will be led by newly appointed **Principal Solicitor, Nerys Lloyd**, who brings extensive experience and a strong commitment to community-focused legal practice.

“This is about rethinking how legal services can work for regional communities,” said Ms Lloyd. “We’re creating a model where high-quality, affordable legal support is accessible, and where every dollar of profit goes straight back into helping those who need it most.”

“This initiative creates a sustainable pathway to increase access to justice,” said Joanna Collins, CEO of Pilbara Community Legal Service. “By linking a fee-for-service model with community impact, we can extend our reach and deliver more support to vulnerable individuals and families throughout the Pilbara.”

The launch comes at a time of increasing demand for legal services in regional and remote areas, where cost, distance, and limited service availability often prevent people from seeking help early.

Key benefits of the new social enterprise include:

- **Affordable legal services** for individuals and businesses not eligible for free assistance
- **Reinvestment of profits** into expanded free legal and community services
- **Local expertise**, delivered by a dedicated and experienced legal team
- **A sustainable, community-driven model** for improving access to justice

Karratha Legal Alliance is calling on the Pilbara community to support the initiative, noting that choosing the social enterprise for legal services directly contributes to stronger, more accessible support systems across the region.

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**About Karratha Legal Alliance**

The Karratha Legal Alliance is a collaborative initiative committed to improving access to justice in the Pilbara. Through innovative service delivery, partnerships, and advocacy, KLA works to ensure equitable legal support for individuals, families, and businesses across the region.

**About Pilbara Community Legal Service (PCLS)**

Pilbara Community Legal Service provides free legal assistance and support services to eligible clients across the Pilbara. PCLS is dedicated to strengthening communities by addressing legal and social challenges through accessible, client-focused services.