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### A step closer to legal help across the NT

The 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Law Handbook will be officially launched in regional NT this week, bringing Territorians a step closer to information about the law and where they can get help with legal problems.

His Honour Mr Tom Pauling AO QC, Administrator of the Northern Territory will launch the Law Handbook at the NT Legal Aid Commission's new office in Tennant Creek on 30 April.

The NT Legal Aid Commission and Darwin Community Legal Service have produced the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition *Law Handbook* which is now available for purchase.

The Law Handbook is a practical guide to legal issues which affect people living in the Northern Territory. It includes information on the legal system, marriage, children, credit and debt, criminal proceedings, discrimination, young people, social security, health, copyright and much more.

Volunteers from the legal profession as well as government and community workers contributed their time and expertise to write the contents for this edition.

Suzan Cox QC Director of the NT Legal Aid Commission, says the Handbook is a practical guide for people in the Northern Territory on their rights and responsibilities, and to help them with common legal problems.

"The Law Handbook is a great starting point to help people with their problems, such as divorce, civil disputes or credit and debt issues, which can be confusing and hard to understand. The Handbook is designed to explain the law in plain English so it is a valuable reference tool for non-lawyers. Service providers also find it valuable in the provision of legal assistance, especially people working in a voluntary capacity or in remote regions" Ms Cox said.

Copies of the Law Handbook are available for purchase from Darwin Community Legal Service, 8 Manton Street, Darwin at a cost of \$100.00 per book (plus postage). To order a copy call Darwin Community Legal Service on 8982 1111 or call into any NT Legal Aid Commission office in Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine Tennant Creek or Alice Springs.

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