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Dear Mr Coyne

Thank you for your letter of 8 May 2016 about the Victorian Legal Aid Legacy Caseload Initiative.

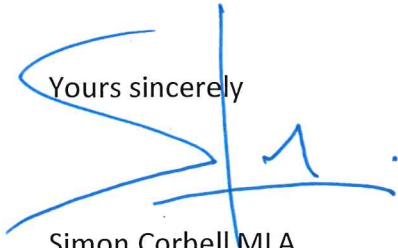
As the first human rights jurisdiction in Australia, the ACT government is strongly committed to protecting the human rights of its residents, including those seeking asylum in Australia who come to the Territory.

I am pleased to inform you that Legal Aid ACT has recently commenced its migration clinic, which, apart from providing general migration advice and assistance, issues grants of legal aid to provide ongoing assistance to Legacy Caseload asylum seekers.

This clinic, and any other initiatives required to improve access to justice for the ACT's migrant community, are being considered as part of the service planning process under the National Partnership Agreement on Legal Assistance Services. I have asked my Directorate, which manages service planning, to contact you if they require further information about the Victorian Legal Aid Legacy Caseload Initiative.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

  
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