

## Media Release

### **First for Australia in discrimination law – legal costs risks to be reduced for those experiencing workplace discrimination and sexual harassment**

The Attorney General, The Hon Mark Dreyfus KC, has this month introduced a bill that aims to protect

from having to pay the defendant's legal costs (except in certain, limited circumstances).

National Legal Aid, Kingsford Legal Centre and the ACTU strongly advocated for this reform alongside a coalition of over 85 organisations including community organisations, unions, academics, peak bodies, health professionals, lawyers and victim-survivors, all with

sexual harassment in Australia to be “endemic”, conservatively estimating the cost to the economy at \$3.5 billion per year.

Power2Prevent statement available at the link [here](#)

Spokespeople are available for interview.