

LAVAN LEGAL URGES PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Lavan Legal is encouraging the legal fraternity, including its own team, to support colleagues and members of the community devastated by the Queensland and Carnarvon floods.

The Perth-based firm has today committed \$35,000 to help victims on both sides of the country and made offers of practical support to legal firms in Brisbane.

Lavan Legal partner, Dean Hely, is a former Queenslander and was in northern New South Wales and Queensland over the holiday period.

“Having just come back from Northern NSW and Queensland, with family and friends who have been affected by the floods and with the experience of living through the 1974 floods in Brisbane, it is heartbreaking to see the destruction that has been caused in that part of the country,” he said.

“The loss of life, property and the destruction of major infrastructure will affect those communities – and the nation – for years to come.

“Lavan Legal is eager to assist in whatever way it can and we know other individual lawyers and major firms will do the same,” he said.

“As well as a donation made on behalf of the Lavan Legal team, we have today contacted legal firms in Brisbane with which we work and offered any practical assistance that might help, including document preparation, typing or other support, particularly while the CBD is shut down.”

In a message to his own team Dean Hely urged them to give individual support as well saying “I know everyone understands the gravity of the situation ... and I encourage you to dig deep. I thank everyone for their contribution to the Social Club’s casual dress day fundraising efforts – every bit helps.”

“A number of Lavan Legal staff have friends and family in and around the Toowoomba and Brisbane areas, what they have gone through and continue to experience, is beyond comprehension.

“Closer to home, Carnarvon has also been devastated by floods and similarly, individuals, families and businesses have been devastated.”

ABOUT LAVAN LEGAL

Lavan Legal is a Western Australian independent law firm with 20 partners and more than 200 staff.

It is one of Western Australia's oldest legal practices, and provides legal advice to the banking, finance, energy, resources, corporate, property, planning, insurance, environment, government, construction, tourism and sports sectors. Services include insolvency, reconstruction, tax, media, defamation and employment law.

The firm has a strong commitment to social responsibility including community partnerships and strong relationships with Surf Lifesaving WA, RugbyWA, the Emirates Western Force, the Australian Institute of Company Directors, The Fogarty Foundation, the Rottnest Channel Swim, The Centre for Cerebral Palsy and the WA Industry and Export Awards. Lavan Legal's partners are also actively involved in a number of associations that promote education and the arts in Western Australia.