



**ATTORNEY-GENERAL
HON ROBERT McCLELLAND MP**

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FURTHER SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL FAMILIES

Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, today announced funding for fifteen regional services to provide support for families experiencing relationship and separation issues.

The additional services include fourteen new Post Separation Cooperative Parenting centres and a Regional Dispute Resolution Service.

“Services such as these are enormously valuable in assisting parents to make critical decisions about parenting after separation, while maintaining a focus on the best interests of their children,” Mr McClelland said.

These new services will be located in regional centres to ensure that families can access the help they need to address parenting issues.

The Post Separation Cooperative Parenting centres will offer counselling, education and seminars to highlight to parents the impact that conflict can have on children, and in doing so teach parents about different ways to manage conflict and support their children.

The Regional Dispute Resolution Service, to be located in Broken Hill, will assist separating families to reach agreement to resolve disputes as an alternative to costly and protracted court proceedings.

“I congratulate the organisations that have been selected to provide these important new services,” Mr McClelland said.

Attached is a list of each of the successful Post Separation Cooperative Parenting services.

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**Post Separation Cooperative Parenting services
2009 Successful Applicants**

Location	Service provider
Bega	Anglicare Diocese of Sydney
Nowra	Anglicare Diocese of Sydney
Wagga Wagga	Centacare Managers Inc
Ballarat	Ballarat Consortium for Family Relationship Services (Consortium members: Child and Family Services Ballarat Inc, Centacare, Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Inc and Relationships Australia Victoria)
Bendigo	Centacare Sandhurst
Mildura	Mallee Family Care
Morwell	Centacare Catholic Family Services
Ipswich	Lifeline Community Care Queensland
Mackay	Lifeline Community Care Queensland
Port Augusta	UnitingCare Wesley, Port Pirie
Berri	Relationships Australia South Australia
Geraldton	Geraldton Family Relationships Consortium (Consortium Members: Centacare Family Relationships Services, Geraldton Regional Community Education Centre; Chrysalis Support Centre, Geraldton Resource Centre, Midwest Men's Health Inc and Women's Health Resource Centre Inc)
Alice Springs	Relationships Australia NT / Centacare NT PSCP Consortium
Devonport	Centacare Tasmania