

The Society's Strategic Plan 2017–19

One of the first major tasks for the 2017 Council was to renew a three-year Strategic Plan for the Society.

The Strategic Plan was discussed by the newly elected Council at the strategic planning day in November 2016 and then further workshopped over the following months. The Council reset and then comprehensively reconsidered the Society's statements as to vision, values, mission and goals.

On 27 April 2017, the Council approved the Strategic Plan 2017–19. The Strategic Plan sets five concise goals. The Council has set strategies to meet each goal and targets by which success can be measured.

Some of the goals reflect work that the Society has been doing for many years and some of the strategies are already being implemented. This reflects the fact that the Society needs to keep doing the work it has been doing over the next three years. It also reflects the fact that in doing this work, the Society must be able to improve, adapt and respond to changing circumstances and emerging challenges.

VISION

The pre-eminent voice supporting and advancing the legal profession in the Northern Territory

VALUES

- Integrity
- Accountability
- Excellence

MISSION

The Law Society NT promotes the interest of its members and the public by:

1. Facilitating and improving the delivery of legal services;
2. Preserving the integrity of the justice system;
3. Advocating for fair and just laws;
4. Upholding the highest standards of professional conduct;
5. Representing the NT legal profession and the legal services it provides to the community.



**STRENGTHENING
MEMBER
ENGAGEMENT
ACROSS THE NT**



**PRIORITISING
EXTERNAL
STAKEHOLDER
ENGAGEMENT**



**ADVOCATING
THE SOCIETY'S
AGENDA**



**RESPONDING
EFFICIENTLY TO
INCREASING
REGULATORY
DEMANDS**



**FOCUSING ON
STRONG AND
EFFECTIVE
GOVERNANCE**

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In brief overview, the five goals are:

Strengthening member engagement across the Northern Territory

The Society continually looks to enhance membership engagement and services and has a particular focus on members in the regions. This goal takes in strategies and targets for CPD, including in the regions and the increased use of technology, the effectiveness of the Society's website and use of communications media and Council's individual and collective engagement with members at large.

Prioritising external stakeholder engagement

The Society enjoys wide benefits from targeted engagement with external stakeholders, particularly as a small organisation that does not enjoy economies of scale. The Society already enjoys productive working relationships with numerous external stakeholders and this goal aims to expand this engagement in a focussed and productive way.

Advocating the Society's agenda

This goal recognises the important distinction between the Society's pro-active and reactive roles in advocating for law reform, the rule of law and upholding professional standards. Whilst both forms of advocacy are necessary, this goal places some priority on the Society's opportunities to engage in effective own-agenda advocacy over the next three years. Amongst the targets for this goal is establishing a new Society committee with terms of reference in law reform.

Responding efficiently to increasing regulatory demands

This goal encompasses regulation in a broad sense and recognises the uniform law as an ongoing emerging issue. The significance of the uniform law as an issue for the Society over the next three years is reflected by the targets including the formation of a uniform law working group.

Focusing on strong and effective governance

This goal acknowledges the importance of good corporate governance and risk management. The Council has made

substantial advancements in governance over the years and has approved a number of policies to this end. The goals include the formation of the Governance Committee and the review of the Society's constitution, which as members have seen, took place in the first half of 2017 and is presently being consulted on.

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