

"My support worker was always there for a yarn when I needed it"

Aboriginal Legal Service of WA

Striving for justice for our First Nations Peoples

The Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia Limited wishes to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which this ALSWA office stands.

We acknowledge and respect the continuing culture and contributions that our First Nations Peoples make to the life of this region.



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BALL SUPPORT SERVICE



WHAT IS THE **BAIL SUPPORT SERVICE?**

The Aboriginal Legal Service of WA Limited (ALSWA) can assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through its **Bail Support Service** (BSS).

The overall objective of the **Bail Support Service** and the Prison In-Reach program is to **REDUCE AVOIDABLE REMAND** by providing eligible clients earlier access to bail through the provision of bail support and prison in-reach legal services, and supporting accused persons to comply with bail conditions and undertakings.





"This program provided me with an Aboriginal Support Worker who was understanding and assisted me to comply with my bail conditions" "Together we identified additional issues I was struggling with in my life and the BSS provided other supports to help me address them"



OUR OBJECTIVES

The BSS develops alternative bail plans which are capable of working successfully. These plans are presented to the court to enable existing bail conditions to be varied, or assist the accused to be released on bail.

Our supportive team will assist the accused to meet bail conditions. This could occur through access to suitable accommodation or by locating a suitable surety (*When someone applies for bail for a criminal charge, the court might ask them to find someone else to be their surety. A surety agrees to pay an amount of money to the court if the accused person doesn't show up for their next court hearing).

The BSS will offer support whilst the accused is on bail to ensure compliance with bail conditions and to reduce offending. They can also provide support for early resolution of cases where the accused is remanded in custody.

CLIENT USE AND NOTES

My Bail Support Worker is:

I can contact my Bail Support Worker on:

NOTES / ADDITIONAL INFO