# What to do if approached by media for comment when volunteering for Disaster Legal Help Victoria

* As part of the Disaster Legal Help (DLHV) agreement, media and communications are being jointly coordinated by Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) and the Law Institute of Victoria (LIV). The partners have appointed a single media spokesperson, Joel Townsend from VLA, to respond to most media enquiries as a representative of DLHV.
* If you are approached by any media for comment, you can direct the journalist to Amanda Bennett, Communications Advisor at VLA on 0400 845 148 or [media@vla.vic.gov.au](mailto:media@vla.vic.gov.au) who will handle enquiries on behalf of DLHV. If unable to contact Amanda please contact Kerry O’Shea, Head of Public Affairs at LIV on 0408 727 279 or [media@liv.asn.au](mailto:media@liv.asn.au)
* If you are approached by any media wanting to talk to you about the work you are doing, or any legal bushfire issues or clinics and you wish to comment, it would be appreciated if you could mention DLHV and how to access it. You can also contact Amanda or Kerry in advance as per the contact details above for any up to date information. We would appreciate you alerting us to any interviews before they happen so we can monitor them.
* Feel free to share your volunteering work on your personal social media channels, while keeping in mind your professional legal obligations. You may wish to promote the DLHV phone line (1800 113 432, available 8 am to 6 pm weekdays) and website, [www.disasterlegalhelp.org.au](http://www.disasterlegalhelp.org.au). If you are using Twitter, you can tag DLHV in tweets using the handle @DisLegalHelp.