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EASTLINK GIVES \$100,000 TO PENINSULA COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE

To assist local people experiencing disadvantage during these difficult times, EastLink has donated \$100,000 to Peninsula Community Legal Centre.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on the Victorian economy, increasing unemployment and underemployment, and many businesses have closed.

EastLink corporate affairs manager Doug Spencer-Roy said, “EastLink recognises that some local people living in the EastLink corridor have been directly affected and are experiencing financial hardship, mental health issues and family violence.”

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Peninsula Community Legal Centre is an independent not-for-profit provider of free legal services to communities in EastLink’s southern corridor.

The services provided by Peninsula Community Legal Centre include free advice on most legal issues, such as family law, family violence, fines, tenancy and rooming house advocacy.

Peninsula Community Legal Centre CEO Jackie Galloway said, “Peninsula Community Legal Centre (PCLC) is thrilled to be the inaugural recipient of the EastLink Community Investment Fund.”

PCLC welcomes EastLink’s initiative to provide financial assistance to community service providers to support vulnerable people during these difficult times.

During COVID, Jackie Galloway said, “PCLC has seen an increase in clients reporting family violence. PCLC is pleased to be able to use this donation in supporting people experiencing family violence with their family law needs.”

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About Peninsula Community Legal Centre (PCLC)

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Peninsula Community Legal Centre is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that has been providing free legal services to Melbourne's south-eastern communities since 1977.

The Centre helps people use the law to protect and advance their rights, offering free advice on most legal issues, including family law, family violence, fines, tenancy and rooming house advocacy. Ongoing assistance is targeted to assist clients who are experiencing disadvantage. The Centre undertakes a range of community legal education, community engagement and law reform activities and is active in a number of community and Sector networks.

Peninsula Community Legal Centre utilises the skills and work of volunteers to extend and enhance its operations and service delivery.

About EastLink

www.eastlink.com.au

EastLink is the 39 kilometre tollway in Melbourne's east, connecting the Eastern, Monash, Frankston and Peninsula Link freeways. EastLink is Melbourne's fastest and safest freeway.

EastLink is a leader in transport sustainability. In 2020, the internationally recognised *GRESB Infrastructure Assessment* awarded EastLink the top 5 Star sustainability rating for ESG performance for the fifth consecutive year. EastLink was ranked 27th globally out of the 406 infrastructure assets of all types that were assessed by GRESB. In the motorways (maintenance & operations) category, EastLink was ranked second in the world.