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MEDIA RELEASE

New Research and Advocacy Tool to be launched at ACOSS National Conference

An easily navigable and searchable directory of over 500 reports and submissions relating to social need in Australia has been created by the National Pro Bono Resource Centre in collaboration with the Australian Council of Social Service and is now available at www.socialneeds.net.au. It will be launched tomorrow at the ACOSS National Conference in Sydney.

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A RESEARCH & ADVOCACY TOOL

socialneeds.net.au is an easily-navigable and searchable directory of key reports and submissions concerning social needs in Australia since 2007 brought to you by **ACOSS** and the **National Pro Bono Resource Centre**. Each of over 500 reports and submissions can be easily accessed by clicking on the report or submission name. The Directory is current as at 29 February 2012.

Relevant reports can be identified by text or tag search and be sorted by name, author, date, description or 'Issue Tag'. The directory also contains a brief description of the organisations that have authored the reports and links to their home pages.

The inspiration for **socialneeds.net.au** arose from a desire by the Centre to provide pro bono legal service providers with a research tool that could assist them in reviewing and developing their programs and prioritising limited resources to meet unmet legal need. This resource is for anyone researching or seeking to address unmet social need in Australia, and provides advocates with a tool to produce evidence-based reports and submissions.

Authors listed in the directory include:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Australian Council of Social Service
- Australian Homelessness Clearinghouse
- Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute
- Australian Institute of Criminology
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
- Australian Social Inclusion Board
- The Benevolent Society
- The Brotherhood of St Laurence
- Catholic Social Services of Australia
- Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research
- Community Housing Coalition of WA
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (Cth)
- Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Cth)
- Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Jesuit Social Services
- Mission Australia
- National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling
- National Shelter
- The Productivity Commission
- The Smith Family
- Social Policy Research Centre
- St Vincent de Paul Society
- UnitingCare Australia

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