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## FREE INFORMATION FORUM ON MORTGAGE PROBLEMS

NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos today announced that Legal Aid NSW is hosting a free forum next Tuesday to help people in Wagga Wagga who are having difficulty paying their mortgages.

Mr Hatzistergos said the forum will provide members of the public with information on financial and legal issues, and to get confidential one on one advice from Legal Aid lawyers.

“People facing mortgage stress need to be aware that they have options available to them and that there are services they can turn to,” said Mr Hatzistergos.

“It is vital that people experiencing problems get advice quickly and take steps to remedy their situation.”

He said the forum will include tips for first home buyers on how to avoid getting into difficulties with mortgage payments.

“For most people, buying their first home is one of the most important decisions they will make so it’s important that they know what to look out for, and how to avoid problems.”

**The Legal Aid Mortgage Stress Forum will run from 6-8.30pm on Tuesday 19th May at The Riverine Club, corner Sturt and Tarcutta St, Wagga Wagga.**

The forum is free and open to anyone including service providers working with people in situations of financial hardship. People will also be able to get free, confidential, one on one legal advice from 7:00pm.

“This forum will provide much needed advice and assistance to local residents, who are not alone in facing these sorts of issues.”

Legal Aid NSW also publishes the Mortgage Stress Handbook, a free user-friendly guide to assist people facing problems with their mortgage as well as a range of helpful brochures on the topic of dealing with mortgage stress, all of which are available at [www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au).

Anyone requiring urgent assistance can call LawAccess NSW on 1300 888 529.