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## **UPDATES IN THE LEGAL WORLD**

Australian Council of Trade Unions calls for 9% gender-based pay rise ACTU proposes a 9% pay rise for female-dominated sectors such as childcare, aiming to address undervaluation of women's work. This increase would raise hourly rates to \$28.50, supporting economic stability. The proposal faces opposition from ACCI, citing affordability concerns and inflation impact.

#### Final Proceedings Commence in Groundbreaking Cairns Climate Class Action

The landmark climate class action, led by Torres Strait Islanders, asserts the Commonwealth's duty of care in mitigating climate change impacts. Initiated in 2021, hearings detailed rising sea levels' threat. Final hearings begin in Cairns, emphasising significance of Indigenous lands.

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Demand for Domestic Violence Assistance Legal Aid NSW sees demand for domestic violence help in obtaining ADVOs, hotline calls up 36% over two years. Increased the need for coercive control legislation to protect victims and prevent deaths.



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## **MORE LEGAL NEWS**

### Queensland Introduces 'Susan's Law' for Harsher Sentences on Dangerous Drivers

Proposed legislation in Queensland, dubbed "Susan's Law," seeks to impose harsher penalties on dangerous drivers. Offenders causing death or serious injury face up to 20 years in prison, with an increased penalty for fleeing crash scenes. The amendments, spurred by tragic incidents, aim to deter risky driving behaviors and honor victims' memories.

### 2023-2030 Australian Cyber Security Strategy

The 2023-2030 Australian Cyber Security Strategy aims to bolster national defenses and global leadership with six "cyber shields," emphasizing collaboration. Legislative reforms target critical infrastructure and IoT security, supported by substantial government funding for implementation.

