# Protection Visa and Appeals Legal Service *Yasmin's Journey*



#### Yasmin's Profile:



A young woman from overseas facing **multiple challenges**, including a brain injury and PTSD.



Arrived in Australia after significant economic difficulties in home country.



Initial **protection visa refusal** (lodged without legal assistance).



Seeking **urgent legal advice** for hearing scheduled within two weeks.

### **Legal Support and Key Actions:**



Provided **urgent** legal advice.



Provide trauma-informed support.



Requested a **6-week adjournment** allowing time to:



Obtain **client instructions** (cognitive disability affected communication in a timely way).



Conduct a thorough **claims assessment.** 



Conducted a merits assessment.



Liaised with third parties to **collect extensive medical evidence.** 



Compiled statement and submission for the Administrative Review Tribunal with **comprehensive and accurate evidence**.



Provided **full representation** for appeal.

#### **Outcomes for Yasmin:**



Obtained a **6-week adjournment** on the hearing.



Attended the hearing which lasted **15 minutes.** 



Matter was remitted to the Department of Home Affairs, for **protection visa grant**.

## Outcomes for Protection Visa and Appeals System :



**Greater fairness in decision making**, particularly for vulnerable clients.



**Increased efficiency**. Better **quality applications** (based on evidence and a comprehensive merits assessment) for decision-makers.



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