

STATEMENT

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The Office of the Children's Commissioner expresses our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Kumanjayi Little Baby.

No words can adequately convey the devastation of this loss. Our thoughts are with Kumanjayi Little Baby's family and the broader Central Australian community.

We share the community's collective grief over this deeply distressing outcome.

As Mr Robin Granites eloquently articulated in his statement, our children are precious. We must always remember this – our children are our future, deserving of our care, love and support.

Children have the fundamental human right to grow up safely in our communities with their loved ones. We are devastated that this inherent human right has been taken away from Kumanjayi Little Baby and her family.

We acknowledge the significant efforts of Kumanjayi Little Baby's family, emergency services, first responders and the Central Australian community.

We especially acknowledge the strong Aboriginal leadership in Central Australia throughout this devastating time.

Throughout this time people have seen the real Alice Springs (Mparntwe) – united in their support for one another.

Commissioner Musk will not be making further comment on this statement or these matters at this time. We deeply respect that Kumanjayi Little Baby's family and community are in Sorry Business, and that there are now formal legal proceedings underway. Commissioner Musk has today contacted the Coroner to offer her expert advice and support and will be writing to request they undertake a formal coronial inquest into this tragedy.

We remind all members of the public of Mr Granites' request for Kumanjayi Little Baby's death not to be politicised. It is essential that we respect and honour these wishes.

Support is available at:
13 Yarn (13 92 76)
Griefline (13 11 14)



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Please note: SNAICC are supporting the family of Kumanjayi Little Baby.

If you would like your donation to support the family of Kumanjayi Little Baby you can do so via this link: [Make a Donation | SNAICC – National Voice for our Children](#)

Please include a note in the message field at the time of donating (for example: For Kumanjayi Little Baby).

Donations that are identified in this way will be allocated for this specific purpose and provided to the family through SNAICC. Donating via SNAICC is a safe and secure way to direct funds to the family.

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