

STATEMENT

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RE: Solutions to crime need partnership

The Children's Commissioner and her team share the community's grief over the death of Linford Feick in Nightcliff last week. The violence that led to this tragedy has no place in our society. We express our deepest condolences to the Feick family and the Nightcliff community.

"I am devastated that another person has been killed in our community by such violence, my heart goes out to Mr Feick's family, friends and to all those close to him" said Children's Commissioner Shahleena Musk. "No family should have to lose a loved one in this way."

We recognise the drivers of crime are complex and multi-faceted and cannot be solved by the NT Government alone.

We support Larrakia Nation's recent statement and echo their offer to work with all levels of government to build a future based on prevention. "I repeat my previous offers to be part of community led solutions to address the root causes of crime" said Commissioner Musk.

Governments have a responsibility to bring in reforms that will be effective and responsive to issues, including crime, which impact our communities. While changes to laws, especially in the wake of such tragic events may be seen as an easy fix, the reforms which are most effective and longstanding are those informed by community leaders, subject matter experts and people with lived experience which build on what we know works. Legislative responses to address violent crime require complementary policies, programs and community-based services and supports.

"I want to work with Government, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and the community sector to address crime so that all Territorians can be safe. What we need is careful consideration of proposed legislative reforms matched by community services, supports and interventions that prevent crime from happening in the first place" she said.



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“Let’s work together to do what we know works to ensure this will never happen again” said Commissioner Musk.

ENDS

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