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Dear Ms Sanderson

Thank you for your letter of 16 December 2021 regarding Coroner Judge Cain's investigation into the death of Child D2 (Pseudonym).

The death of Child D2 is a tragedy, as is the death of any child. The Victorian Government is committed to improving outcomes for all children, including those in contact with our child protection and out-of-home care systems.

The Victorian Budget 2020-21 invested \$85.8 million over four years to continue and expand the *Wungurilwil Gagapduir: Aboriginal Children and Families Agreement* – the first ever tripartite agreement between the Aboriginal community, child and family services sector and the Government.

Connecting children and their families with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) early is vital in improving self-determination for Aboriginal communities as the Victorian Government works to address the over-representation of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care.

As the matter outlined in Coroner Judge Cain's recommendation involves operational issues overseen by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, I have been advised that the Department will provide a response to this recommendation.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely


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