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Kate Sanderson
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Dear Ms Sanderson

Investigation into the death of Child A (COR 2020 001984)

I write in response to the findings made by State Coroner Judge John Cain on 7 April 2025 into the passing of Child A and recommendations made to the Victorian Government.

I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Child A's family for their loss and provide the following responses to State Coroner Judge Cain's recommendations.

Recommendation 1: That the Victorian Government expand funding for the Dardi Munwurro program across Victoria to support First Nations men to address their use of violence regardless of their location.

The Coroner's recommendation is under consideration.

Dardi Munwurro's *Ngarra Jarranounith Place Residential Program* is currently funded through the Department of Justice and Community Safety and provides a residential based men's healing and behaviour change program for Aboriginal men who use or are at risk of using family violence. Aboriginal men who are 18 years of age or over, are at risk of using family violence or have used family violence and are willing to attend the program, are eligible for the program, regardless of their geographic location in Victoria.

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (the department) will continue to work with the Department of Justice and Community Safety to explore options for program expansion. Any expansion of the program will be dependent on available resourcing, including appropriate funding.

Recommendation 2: The Victorian Government continue to work with the Commonwealth Government to strengthen multi-agency responses to family violence in Victoria.

The Coroner's recommendation is under consideration.

The department supports in principle the intent of the recommendation to strengthen multi-agency responses between specialist family violence services and operational policing to

support victim survivors with different pathways to raise concerns about family violence risk and management. This recommendation is similar to State Coroner Judge Cain's recommendation in COR 2020 000670 and Coroner McGregor's recommendation in COR 2021 003935, which are both under consideration by the department. The department will continue to work with the State and Commonwealth Governments to consider options that could address the intent of the recommendation. Implementation of any option(s) will be dependent on appropriate resourcing, prioritisation and established program guidance and requirements.

If you require further information or would like to discuss the material provided, please contact Melanie Heenan, Deputy Secretary, Family Safety Victoria at

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Yours sincerely

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Peta McCammon
Secretary

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