

Catholic Social Services Australia mourns the loss of Kumanjaji Little Baby and calls for renewed commitment to dignity and justice

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Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) expresses profound sorrow and heartache at the tragic death of Kumanjaji Little Baby, a young girl in Alice Springs. We extend our deepest condolences to Kumanjaji Little Baby's mother, family, and community during this time of unimaginable grief.

To Kumanjaji Little Baby,

"Me and [your brother] Ramsiah miss and love you. I know you are in heaven with the rest of the family with Jesus, and the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Me and your brother will meet you one day, we are giving our lives to Jesus. It is going to be so hard to live the rest of our lives without you. Ramsiah wants to tell you that when he sees you in heaven he is going to give you the biggest hug ever.

Love from Mum and Ramsiah."

These words from a grieving mother – filled with Grace, faith, and love – remind us of the human cost behind this tragedy. This loss is felt deeply in the hearts of all those who loved Kumanjaji Little Baby and in the soul of our country.

Dr Jerry Nockles, CEO of CSSA, said:

"In this moment of grief, we hold Kumanjaji Little Baby's family and community in our prayers, entrusting Kumanjaji Little Baby to the mercy of God and confident in the promise of eternal life."

"We also rededicate ourselves as a social service community to walk alongside those who suffer, to advocate for justice, and to foster healing and hope."

"We know that evil exists in the world. We also know that systemic and entrenched disadvantage continue to devastate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lives – a reality we cannot ignore."

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Dr Nockles continued:

"It is not the fault of all, but it is the responsibility of all to respond with love and justice. This is a solemn challenge for all Australians – to stand in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, to listen deeply, and to act decisively to create a future where every life is valued and protected."

CSSA calls on all Australians to reflect on the profound human dignity that must be honoured in every life, and to work together in hope, healing, and justice.

About CSSA:

Catholic Social Services Australia is the national peak body for Catholic social service providers. Its network of 42 member agencies delivers essential services to over 500,000 vulnerable Australians across all states and territories. CSSA advocates for compassionate socio-economic policies that prioritise the common good and social justice.

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