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### **Media Release: Domestic violence is the true crime and safety crisis the NT faces – today's coronial findings reinforce that. The CLP must act on domestic violence now.**

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Justine Davis MLA:

“The coronial findings today into the deaths of Kumanjayi Haywood, Ngeygo Ragurk, Miss Yunupingu and Kumarn Rubuntja reinforce the urgency of the domestic violence crisis we are facing in the NT.

When Parliament resumes tomorrow, I will seek leave to table the Coroner’s recommendations and move a motion demanding the government take immediate and decisive action to fully resource and implement these recommendations.

Lives are at stake, and the time for excuses and delays is over.

We have heard the CLP say over and over again that they will deliver the 180 million for Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence they promised before the election.

Despite repeated questions about how and when this funding will be delivered, there has been no action on Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence from the Government since the election.

This is the same government that has acted on urgency to pass laws to lock up 10-year-olds but drags its feet when it comes to funding the services that would save women and children from violence and death, and hold perpetrators accountable.

We do not need more consultation.

The 180 million promised by the CLP is based on many months of work by experts, service providers and Government. A detailed, costed plan is already in place.

What we need now is for this government to implement it with the urgency the situation demands.

At the very least, the government must immediately increase funding for frontline Domestic Family and Sexual Violence emergency crisis accommodation by 20%.



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This increase is essential to address the decade-long erosion of funding caused by inadequate indexation, and to prepare for the predictable spike in demand for support for women fleeing Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence during the holiday period.

The CLP Government has also announced today that they will be introducing legislation this week to reduce the floor price of alcohol. Across the country governments are working together to reduce alcohol related harm. At the same time our government is lowering the floor price despite evidence showing this will increase harm caused by domestic, family and sexual violence.

Every delay costs lives. Every failure to act leaves women and children in danger.

Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence is the Northern Territory's true crime and safety crisis, and the government's inaction is shameful.

The time for action was yesterday. If this government refuses to act now, it must answer to the women and children whose lives depend on their courage and leadership."

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