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NLC reinforces that any examination of Yuendumu shooting be independent and transparent

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The Chairman and Members of the Northern Land Council extend their deepest sympathies to the family of Kumanjayi Walker at this difficult time.

“Our heartfelt condolences and thoughts go out to the family of that young man,” said the NLC Chairman Samuel Bush-Blanasi.

“We send our support to our brothers and sisters in Yuendumu, Alice Springs and the surrounding communities. We are thinking of you mob and we stand in support of you.”

The NLC backed the Central Land Council’s call for an independent, swift and transparent inquiry and welcomes the news of a referral to the Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC NT).

“The referral is timely and should provide another avenue to ensure that this matter will be investigated properly, particularly for the family,” said Mr Bush-Blanasi.

“We call on the NT Government to provide Commissioner Ken Fleming QC with adequate resources to undertake the investigation in a thorough and prompt manner.

“The NT Government and the NT Police need to keep the community informed of all relevant facts in this matter so as to avoid unnecessary confusion and further heartbreak for the families involved.”

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