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REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Pursuant to section 46B of the *Coroners Act 1993*

In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and Recommendation regarding the death of
Richard Ken Roe.

Pursuant to section 46B of the *Coroners Act 1993* (the Act), I provide this Report on the findings and recommendation of Local Court Judge Stephen Geary, Territory Coroner, dated 26 November 2024, regarding the death of Richard Ken Roe (the Deceased) (Attachment A refers).

The report includes the response to the recommendation of the Territory Coroner by Mr Martin Dole APM, Acting Commissioner of Police (Attachment B refers).

The Deceased, a 40 year old man of Aboriginal descent and subject of a missing person investigation, died between 2 November 2016 and 5 November 2016 at an unknown location. His cause of death remains unknown.

Recommendations of the Coroner

The Coroner made the following formal recommendation in regards to the death of the Deceased:

'With reference to s.34(2) of the *Coroners Act 1993*, I recommend the following assist with the administration of justice:

That the current cash sum of \$250,000 for information leading to evidence that leads to finding a missing person with the conviction of those responsible for their death, if caused by foul play, be increased to at least \$500,000. The payment of the cash sum be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of Police.'

Response to Coroner's recommendation

A copy of the Coronial Findings was provided to the Acting Commissioner of Police on 20 February 2025, in accordance with section 46A(1) of the Act.

A written response was received from the Acting Commissioner of Police dated 9 April 2025 as required by section 46B(1) of the Act, advising that the Northern Territory Police Force accept the recommendation and the current cash sum of \$250 000 has been increased to \$500 000.

I am satisfied that the Acting Commissioner of Police has considered the recommendation of the Territory Coroner and that they have implemented the recommendation.

DATE:



MARIE-CLARE BOOTHBY

13 MAY 2025