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### **TSRA MEDIA STATEMENT – CAIRNS TRAGEDY**

*The TSRA Chairperson, Mr Joseph Elu, has provided the following statement on the tragedy that occurred in Cairns on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December.*

The event that took place in Cairns on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December was tragic and shocking.

Nothing could have prepared the family or the public for what has happened.

The Torres Strait Island community is very close, and it is this connection that will help all concerned through this terrible time.

The TSRA's thoughts and prayers go out to the family and for the children who are now deceased.

A Uniting Care Community charity has been coordinated to assist the families affected. You can donate by calling 1800 54 33 54.

Alternatively you can donate toys and household goods by taking them to the Salvation Army at 64 Hoare St, Manunda.

It is now up to the appropriate authorities to follow up on their investigations and to deal with the matter.

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