STATEMENT ON DEATH IN ALICE SPRINGS

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The Acting Chief Minister, Robyn Lambley, has expressed her shock at the murder of a young woman, after a savage attack at Abbott’s Camp on Christmas Day.

The death of this young woman is a sign that despite the mandatory reporting requirement for Domestic and Family Violence in the Northern Territory, women are still being savagely beaten and murdered in domestic disputes.

“I have been advised that family and friends of this woman knew that the victim was being subjected to extreme violence and abuse by her husband prior to her death,” Ms Lambley said.

“I am deeply shocked and deeply saddened by this young woman’s senseless, cruel death. I want to understand how this happened and form a clearer understanding of what could have been done to prevent it.

“We also need to ensure that Domestic and Family Violence strategies are targeted at the people most vulnerable with an emphasis on prevention.

“After only 4 months in Government - it is the policies of the former Labor Government that have failed to make an impact on the spiralling rate of violence against women.

“Women should not be losing their lives in this way, we need to examine what failed this woman.”

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