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**Statement from Nicole Manison, Acting Chief Minister of the Northern Territory**

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The Northern Territory Government has been advised of a potential class action concerning youth justice.

We take these matters very seriously.

Given the matter is before the courts, it would be inappropriate to comment further, other than to acknowledge the Government is seeking legal advice.

The alleged incidents, including matters being examined by the Royal Commission, occurred prior to the Gunner Government taking office.

Our Government’s focus remains on finding solutions to the problems that have historically surrounded youth justice in the Territory.

We have already made changes to the *Youth Justice Act* by banning the use of restraint chairs on young detainees as well as improving accountability in the youth detention sector.

This Government made a commitment to put children at the centre of Government, for the benefit of all Territorians.

By working across all sectors of Government we can tackle these complex and difficult issues at an early age to get these kids away from crime – and keep them out of the criminal justice system in the first place.

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