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Katherine West Health Board Calls Out Inaccurate and Harmful Reporting by the Daily Mail

The Katherine West Health Board (KWHB) has lodged a formal complaint with the *Daily Mail* following the publication of an article on 6 November 2025 that contained false information and a culturally inappropriate image concerning recent events in Timber Creek.

The article wrongly stated that Ms Clara Paddy is a current representative of KWHB. Ms Paddy is a respected community member but is not and has not been a representative of the organisation for many years. The story also used an image of a deceased community member from Lajamanu, which has caused deep distress to family members and the community.

KWHB Chief Executive Officer Sinon Cooney said the publication breached cultural protocols and failed to respect the dignity of Aboriginal people in the region.

“This article contains significant inaccuracies and an image that never should have been used. It has caused unnecessary pain to families already grieving, and fuels damaging stereotypes about Aboriginal communities,” Mr Cooney said.

“We expect higher standards of cultural safety and accuracy from national media outlets and ask the Daily Mail to apologise, correct the record, and review its editorial practices.”

KWHB has asked for the article and image to be corrected or removed, and for a public apology to be issued. If a satisfactory response is not received, the complaint will be pursued through the Independent Press Standards Organisation and other relevant media-watch bodies.

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