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Statement from AbSec - NSW Child, Family and Community Peak Aboriginal Corporation CEO John Leha in response to comment by Federal Opposition Leader Peter Dutton in Alice Springs yesterday

Sexual abuse is not a political football and has a devastating impact on individuals, families and communities. The effects can last a lifetime with ongoing psychological trauma and suffering, and physical injuries. It is a legal requirement that abuse and neglect is reported even if suspected.

In solidarity with SNAICC, AbSec call on the Opposition leader to engage in an evidenced based discussion. Aboriginal peoples have been raising strong, healthy children for millennia. Our communities are the experts in raising happy, healthy and resilient children, and our children are made stronger by the richness of their culture.

Safe and supported communities are NOT an “ideological agenda” or a political football but a human right.

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