



## **Press Release – 22 December**

### **Cairns Tragedy**

The Torres Strait Region, along with Cairns, Queensland and the national community, is deeply shocked and saddened by the news on Friday 19 December regarding the tragic loss of innocent life in Cairns.

During this festive season, whilst in the warm embrace of our families and friends, our thoughts and prayers will also be with the family and friends of those tragically lost.

Through deepest respect for cultural protocol and those affected by this tragedy, Council shall not be providing further comment with respect to the tragedy, but shall instead divert all of its attention and effort to continuing to support family and friends grieving at this time.

Council requests that space and time be afforded to those grieving at this difficult time.

Mayor Frederick Gela