MEDIA STATEMENT

Thursday, 8 March 2012

INCIDENT AT FINGAL HEAD CEMETERY

Racial hatred in any form is abhorrent and reprehensible. In particular, any racist attack on a site that is the designated final resting place for people of any culture or heritage is disgusting and sickening.

I stand with the families concerned and the local Aboriginal community in condemning those who may be responsible for this incident.

I have contacted my colleague the Minister for Police Michael Gallacher and I am informed that the NSW Police have moved quickly to investigate the incident.

I strongly encourage anyone who may have any information to contact the NSW Police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

NSW is a respectful and tolerant society and those responsible for such attacks must face the full force of the law.

Aboriginal people across the State are no doubt profoundly dismayed by this event. We share their hurt and outrage.

ENDS.