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NSW Ombudsman
Investigation into child death

The following statement by NSW Ombudsman Bruce Barbour is in response to media requests for information in relation to a matter that is currently before the courts.

'In a media release on 6 November 2007, I stated that my office had commenced an investigation into the circumstances leading to the death of a seven year old girl. This investigation was to assess the interaction and involvement of several government agencies with the girl and her family.

The investigation was completed in November last year, and was provided to all involved agencies and relevant Ministers.

I will be making a detailed special report to Parliament in relation to this matter once the criminal proceedings, including sentencing, have been finalised. This will provide information about my findings and recommendations.

I will not be commenting further on this matter while it is still before the Courts, as I do not wish to prejudice the proceedings in any way.'

Bruce Barbour
Ombudsman