

Today is the memorial service for my adopted Mukul Bapa - Sabine Kacha. I'm sorry I couldn't be there. Sabine was adopted into my family in 2016. She and her husband Hans worked tirelessly on my election campaign that brought our Yolŋu voices into the NT Parliament, and over so many years Sabine has walked beside us in our fight against the Intervention. Sabine and Hans have given such great support and I want to recognise the importance of Sabine's life in giving herself to fight against injustice.

Guyula Bandawuŋu hold the songline and story of Bulanybirr - the juvenile dolphin. The songline is about the young dolphin leaving home and journeying to the Arafura sea. It is the songline that is sung when someone is getting ready to make the spiritual journey from this life to the next. When someone in the Guyula family passes this is the story that is sung - singing them home. This is the the dolphin spirit journeying home where it lives peacefully ever after.

My thoughts are with everyone today who are sadly farewelling Sabine, and are also celebrating Sabine's life and sending her spirit home.