[Date]

[Name]

[Address]

[City] [Postcode]

Dear [pregnant woman’s name]

Child Safety has received information from a member of the community who is worried about the safety and wellbeing of your unborn baby. When Child Safety receives this kind of information, it has a responsibility to assess the information and decide whether and what action may be needed to ensure baby is safe after they are born.

I would like to talk to you about the information that Child Safety has received and give you the opportunity to participate in the assessment process. This will help me to understand whether the worries are valid and if necessary, offer you help to safely care for your baby once they are born. I have included *What to expect when child safety officers visit your home* brochure for more information about the assessment process.

You have the right to decide whether to contact me during your pregnancy. Please be aware that if you choose not to contact me, Child Safety may need to contact you after your baby is born.

If you would like to talk to me about your baby during your pregnancy you can:

* contact me directly on [insert phone number] during business hours
* contact [insert name of cultural practice advisor], cultural practice advisor, on [insert phone number] during business hours
* ask a support service that you are working with or named in this letter to make initial contact with me or the cultural practice advisor, on your behalf, to arrange a meeting.

I understand that [you and/or your baby’s father is an Aboriginal person/Torres Strait Islander person – amend as necessary]. As such, you have a right to an independent person to help you fully participate in decisions about your baby that Child Safety may make. If you would like an independent person, I can help to arrange this for you, or you can contact [insert name of FPP]. I have included further information about the role of an independent person with this letter.

You have other rights too. I have included a *Know your rights* card with this letter, to help explain what those rights are and how you can access them.

I recognise that pregnancy can be a challenging and stressful time, so you may not want to talk to me. If you choose not to contact me during your pregnancy, you can still access help and support from [insert name and details of FWS], or another service that you would feel comfortable working with. You may wish to discuss other support options at your next ante-natal appointment. [prompt – if there are local indigenous health services, include those details here]

Kind regards,

[name]

[role]

[name of CSSC]