

Statement from Louise James:

"It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that I have listened to the evidence that has emerged during the course of this inquest. There are simply no words capable of expressing my pain, my disbelief, and indeed my anger at what happened on that fateful day.

"My heart is shattered. Every moment of every day is filled with thoughts of my beautiful boys Mark and Evan, my mother Ruth, my sister Jodie Lee and my partner Sean.

"The one ray of sunshine in my life is my beautiful daughter Rioghnach who survived this horrible tragedy and for that I must once again thank again Davitt and all those others who helped save her on that day.

"I firmly believe that the slipway should have been closed to the general public or else proper warning signs displayed as it was an accident waiting to happen. Hopefully lessons will be learned and the recommendations made following this inquest will be implemented.

"Finally regarding Sean, notwithstanding the evidence that has emerged I wish to add that he was a wonderful partner to me and an adoring father to his children.

"He lived for them and it is clear from what this inquest has heard that he died as he lived, in that he could have saved himself but chose not to.

"Mr Anderson said Louise will be making no further comments and asked the media to respect her privacy at this most difficult time."