



Northern Land Council

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Thank you Sir William: NLC

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The Northern Land Council would like to congratulate Sir William Deane on the work he has done during his term as Governor-General.

On the final day of his term as G-G, the Northern Land Council has applauded his “sincere and principled commitment to justice for Aboriginal people.”

The Executive of the NLC at its meeting in Darwin today said Sir William “has been a great source of support and inspiration to the Northern Land Council.”

The NLC considers Sir William has “transformed the office of Governor General from a purely ceremonial role to one which adds depth and meaning to our nation.

“In many ways, his inspirational leadership as Governor General has provided a blue print for a future President of Australia.

“It is hoped that those who follow, either as Governors General or ultimately as Presidents, will continue in the pattern Sir William has set as an apolitical but highly moral voice for justice, reconciliation and unity.”