



Northern Land Council

MEDIA ADVISORY

NLC Statement

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Northern Land Council (NLC) Chairman Wali Wunungmurra has today paid tribute to the life of the Hon. Sir Edward Woodward AC, QC, who passed away yesterday.

Justice Woodward was judge of the Federal Court Court from 1977 to 1990 and was head of the Aboriginal Land Rights Royal Commission in 1973 and 1974, helping pave the way for the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (Northern Territory) in 1976.

Mr Wunungmurra said he shares his sadness with people from Yolngu clans across north-east Arnhem Land, who Justice Woodward represented in the historic Gove Land Rights Case.

“The Yolngu people developed a very close working relationship with Justice Woodward, when he represented us in the historic Gove Land Rights case,” he said.

“To Yolngu people Justice Woodward was a valued colleague and very good friend.”