



Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc.

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Honour for ALRM Board Chairperson in Queen's Birthday List

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ALRM proudly celebrates the Queen's Birthday Honour - the "*Order of Australia Medal*" (OAM) awarded to its Chairperson Mr Francis H. Lampard for services to the Indigenous community.

The son of an Aboriginal railway fettler, Mr Lampard lived in a railway cottage in the tiny town of Mulpatta, on the Karoonda-to-Peebinga Mallee railway line which he shared with 10 siblings. Later he went to a Boy's Home at Semaphore.

Recognised as being active within the Aboriginal community for many decades, Mr Lampard's earlier career was within the Department of Education where he assisted in creating opportunities for young Aboriginal people. He later established South Australia's first Aboriginal Language Centre and was a senior consultant in the field of Aboriginal education. Mr Lampard held a range of executive positions in the State Department of Aboriginal Affairs and for many years worked as Executive Director of the Aboriginal Prisoners and Offenders Support Service. He is also a Native Title Commissioner for South Australia.

"I try quietly to make my mark in whatever way I can," Mr Lampard said.

"I am also very proud of my Aboriginal heritage. It is wonderful to be recognised in this way," he said.

ALRM CEO, Mr Neil Gillespie said Mr Lampard's contribution to the area of legal rights is significant.

"On behalf of ALRM's Board of Management and staff, I congratulate Mr Lampard on his achievement. It is well deserved," he said.

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FYI: The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc provides legal services and associated activities (legal aid and native title legal services, financial counselling, law reform and advocacy, the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme and community education) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in South Australia. ALRM is an independent incorporated Aboriginal community organization