



Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc.

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BRUCE TREVORROW

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It is with sadness that the Aboriginal legal Rights Movement acknowledges the recent passing of one of South Australia's true community champions - Bruce Trevorrow.

Mr Trevorrow tragically passed away, in a Victorian hospital, on 20 June 2008.

The Chairperson of ALRM Mr Frank H Lampard OAM, who is also a cousin of Mr Trevorrow, said Mr Trevorrow was a committed leader who brought to the public's attention the evil of government policies that resulted in the Stolen Generations.

“As a person stolen from his parents, Mr Trevorrow knew all along that the policies that removed Aboriginal children from their families were wrong – and he had the strength and courage to prove it through the court system,” he said.

The Chief Executive Officer of ALRM, Mr Neil Gillespie said it was a loss for all Aboriginal people across the nation - not just in South Australia.

"Mr Trevorrow laid the foundation for all of the victims of the Stolen Generations to seek compensation to right the wrongs," he said.

“Bruce will be spoken of in the same breath as Eddie Mabo and the Wik people for his bravery.”

“I call on the South Australian Government to now show respect to the Trevorrow family and restrain in its appeal against the decision in the Trevorrow case.”

"It is time for mourning and reflection," Mr Gillespie 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