Terry Mills
Leader of the Opposition
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VALE HYACINTH TUNGUTALUM

Terry Mills, Leader of the Opposition, has expressed his sympathy to the family of Hyacinth Tungutalum, a former member of the Territory Legislative Assembly.

“My condolences go to his wife Natalie, his sons Richard and Leslie and his grandson Ross,” says Terry Mills.

“Hyacinth Tungutalum is a man I respected and will miss.

“Hyacinth Tungutalum was the first Aborigine elected to the Territory Parliament, winning the then seat of Tiwi for the CLP in the first fully-elected Legislative Assembly in October 1974.

“He was an important ceremonial man on the Tiwi Islands and an influential leader of his people.

“Hyacinth Tungutalum was an inaugural member of the Tiwi Land Council, served on the Tiwi Health Board and the Tiwi Education Board.

“It is hard to over estimate the importance of his achievement in being elected to the seat of Tiwi in the Territory’s first fully-elected Parliament.

“He was a trail blazer and it always takes courage to be the first to break new ground.”

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