The Northern Territory Government has paid tribute to Indigenous leader Ms Yarmirr, who passed away recently.

Minister for Community Services, Bess Price, said the passing of Ms Yarmirr was a sad day for all Territorians.

“Ms Yarmirr was a pioneering leader, a strong advocate for Homelands and a proud Arnhem Land woman,” Mrs Price said.

“Ms Yarmirr led the way in the fight for Native Title Sea Rights and achieved huge strides for her people.

“I met Ms Yarmirr several times over the years and knew her as a well respected leader among her people.

Member for Arnhem, Larisa Lee, said Ms Yarmirr was a role model for all indigenous women.

“Ms Yarmirr championed many issues for our people, particularly those impacting on indigenous women and ensuring knowledge is preserved for our children’s children,” Mrs Lee said.

Ms Yarmirr was a long serving member of the Northern Land Council and Deputy Mayor of the West Arnhem Shire.

“With sadness we say goodbye to a wise elder, a proud leader and a much loved Territorian,” Mrs Price said.

“My thoughts are with her family and the Arnhem Land community.”

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