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UNIVERSITY HONOR FOR MARION SCRYMGOUR

Leader of the Opposition, Delia Lawrie, today congratulated former Northern Territory Deputy Chief Minister, Marion Scrymgour, on being awarded an honorary doctorate in Health Sciences by the University of Sydney.

“This is a well deserved honor and distinguished recognition for Marion,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Marion has worked tirelessly towards improving Indigenous disadvantage, particularly in health.

"She is the current Chief Executive of Wurli-Wurlingjang Health Board, at the coal face of delivering crucial health services in Katherine and the region.

"Prior to a distinguished career in Government for a decade as the Member for Arafura, Marion established the integrated health care delivery model through Katherine West Health Board.

"It is wonderful to see her hard work, dedication and passion recognised in this way.

"She is a fantastic role model for all Territorians, especially Indigenous women.”

Ms Lawrie recognised the exceptional skills and talent Marion applied through over a decade in Government which saw her achieve many firsts including first female Indigenous Minister and first female Indigenous Deputy Chief Minister.

“As a fellow Territorian I am very proud of Marion and her important work towards improving the health of Indigenous Territorians,” Ms Lawrie said.

"Marion has always been an inspiration to me and her honorary doctorate from the University of Sydney is testament to the high regard in which she is held nationally.”

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