Tracker Tilmouth remembered with love and laughter

Tracker Tilmouth’s State funeral at St Mary’s Cathedral and reception at Parliament House, Darwin was a worthy send-off for a dedicated and passionate activist, Labor Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie said today.

“He deserved no less than this. It was poignant, but also filled with laughter. Many speakers reminded us that, unfortunately, Tracker’s life-long work isn’t done with his passing,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The large number of people who attended from all over the Territory and interstate, attested to his leadership and courage. From humble people who lived and worked alongside him in the many struggles he championed, to the politicians and business leaders he held to task; all held him in esteem.”

“Tracker played a strong role together with other activists during 1970s in establishing the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service and the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress. He also served on the boards of several Indigenous representative groups.

“As Chairman of the Central Land Council for six years he fought Federal and Territory Government attempts to erode land rights and weaken native title.

“He brought an entrepreneurial focus to discussions around land rights and native title rights and championed the opportunities available to traditional owners through business partnerships to secure employment and community development.

“Tracker strived to make our Territory a better, fairer place and never remained silent in the face of prejudice and adversity.”

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