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PASSING OF STEVE GORDON

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Victor Dominello today extended his condolences to the family and friends of former ATSIC Commissioner and NSW Aboriginal Land Council Councillor Steve Gordon, who passed away last night.

“Steve Gordon, who was known in the Aboriginal community as a land rights legend, will be sorely missed,” Mr Dominello said.

“His efforts over more than 40 years lead to significant improvements in the lives of many Aboriginal people.

“He served five terms on the ATSIC Board of Commissioners and was formerly a councillor on Brewarrina Shire Council.

“Steve Gordon was a tireless campaigner for land rights in NSW and was extensively involved in establishing the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody in 1992.

“He was widely respected and regarded as a father figure to many people over the years.

“I extend my condolences to Steve Gordon’s family for their loss at this sad time and to the many people whose lives he touched.”