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## **STATEMENT FROM GALARRWUY YUNUPINGU AM**

**Tuesday, 21 October, 2014**

"It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam.

"Mr Whitlam was a unique and sincere man, and he is remembered fondly by the Yolngu clans of Northeast Arnhem Land.

"In his time as Prime Minister Mr Whitlam was a great friend to Indigenous Australians. He always acted in a direct and determined way to resolve the issues.

"The Bark Petition started the move towards land rights, but Mr Whitlam's leadership brought it to life and made it real.

"He was a true friend of the Yolngu people.

"I send my most sincere condolences to his family on this sad occasion.

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