



The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP Premier of NSW Minister for Western Sydney

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BARBARA HOLBOROW OAM

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell and Minister for Ageing Andrew Constance have expressed their condolences to the family of former Children's Court Magistrate Barbara Holborow OAM, who passed away this morning.

"Barbara Holborow was a passionate advocate for the rights of children and a tireless crusader for the most vulnerable members of our community," Mr O'Farrell said.

"After 12 years as a Children's Court Magistrate, Barbara lost none of her passion in retirement and continued to defend the rights of children, fostering many, playing a crucial role in lobbying governments," he said.

"Barbara's philosophy in life was that every child is everyone's responsibility. She has left a remarkable legacy, and NSW will be all the poorer without her."

Ms Holborow was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for her achievements in the legal system and the wider community.

In 2011, she was appointed Chair of the NSW Government's Advisory Committee on Ageing and was named this year's NSW Senior Australian of the Year.

Mr Constance said Ms Holborow was not only an inspiration to older Australians, but the entire community.

"As a mother, a magistrate and a staunch protector of the most vulnerable, Barbara Holborow had a 'no nonsense' approach," Mr Constance said.

"She stood up for those who didn't have a voice, and touched the lives of thousands."

Ms Holborow was surrounded by her family when she passed away in her Sydney home this morning at the age of 81.