

## **Australia's leaders proclaim Apology to Stolen Generations is nation changing**

Political leaders, at the opening of the 44<sup>th</sup> Federal Parliament, said the Apology to our Stolen Generations was a healing and uniting moment in Australia's history.

Prime Minister Abbott echoed the importance of acknowledging our Stolen Generations and their healing into the future. 'Ancient injustices were at least, in part, atoned for and our country had a unifying and healing moment, the likes of which we very, very rarely see. It was a great moment in our history.'

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation welcomes Mr Abbott's sentiments about healing our nation. 'We look forward to working with Mr Abbott to continue the healing journey and work towards closing the gap for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' said Mr Richard Weston, CEO of the Healing Foundation.

As Kevin Rudd delivered his resignation speech in Federal Parliament members from all sides of the floor agreed that Australia's history altering moment was the Apology.

Mr Rudd spoke about the joy he experienced witnessing the impact of the Apology for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. 'What we have achieved through some healing of the soul will be the first step. The second is closing the gap to achieve a healing of broken bodies' said Mr Rudd.

The Healing Foundation, established on the first anniversary of the Apology, supports culturally strong, locally run healing programs around Australia. These programs support members of the Stolen Generations, grow our kids strong, assist communities to build strength and skill up workers.

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