

Stolen Generations reparations welcomed

The establishment of an \$11 million Stolen Generations reparations fund in South Australia is an important step towards healing our Stolen Generations and supporting recovery at the community, family and individual level, according to the Healing Foundation.

“Compensation is not just about justice, it is about recognising the truth of what happened and creating the environment for healing,” Healing Foundation Chair Professor Steve Larkin said.

“We hope the scheme will include the families of Stolen Generations members who have already passed away. We have a duty of care to all those who were forcibly removed, living and deceased.

“The impact of forcibly removing children from their mothers, fathers and communities has had devastating impacts not only on those stolen children but on their descendants. The intergenerational effects of forcible removal and the resulting loss of cultural support and connection are still devastating our families and communities.

“This announcement will allow the government and Aboriginal community of South Australia to move forward together. We urge the South Australian Government to build on this success by creating a healing agenda across all of its departments, in an holistic manner, for our communities.

“We encourage other States and Territories to follow South Australia’s lead, and call on all Australian governments to create holistic responses to healing our Stolen Generations.

“All outstanding recommendations of the 1997 *Bringing them Home* report must also be implemented as a matter of urgency,” Professor Larkin said.

The full list of *Bringing them Home* recommendations can be found at <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/publications/bringing-them-home-appendix-9-recommendations>

The Healing Foundation is a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation with a focus on building culturally strong, community led healing solutions. More information is available at www.healingfoundation.org.au

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