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## Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation and Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation respond to *Unfinished Business*

Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation and Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation commend the NSW Government's response to the Upper House Inquiry into Reparations for the Stolen Generations and its consensus report *Unfinished Business*.

The report states that children were forcibly removed by the NSW Government, trained to become domestic servants and labourers and indentured to non-Aboriginal families and businesses with many suffering severe abuse and neglect resulting in widespread trauma for them and their families.

The report makes 35 recommendations, 30 of which will be fully implemented by the NSW Government and a further three will be implemented with modifications.

Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation and Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation have worked with the NSW Government over many months to frame its response to the *Unfinished Business* recommendations.

The NSW Government's recognition of the need for reparations for Stolen Generations and its respectful engagement with Stolen Generations members has resulted in a raft of measures valued at \$73.8 million over four years.

Members of both organisations identified that 'The journey to achieve reparations for Stolen Generations in NSW has been traumatic and we have lost many brothers and sisters along the way. We must acknowledge these brothers and sisters and their families who will not receive those benefits'.

Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation and Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation look forward to finding ways to support these families and support the collective healing that only they can provide.

'We are pleased to see this outcome and look forward to working with the NSW Government to implement the response as soon as possible because many of our members are frail and elderly, and at this stage every day counts' said Board members of both organisations.

'Each step forward is helping our healing and these resources can help to restore our family structures and repair some of the damage done to our community'.



*Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation (KBHAC) was established by survivors of Kinchela Aboriginal Boys Training Home, a NSW institution which housed Aboriginal boys forcibly removed from their families.*

*KBHAC runs healing programs to address the legacy of physical, sexual, psychological and cultural abuse experienced by KBH survivors as well as the intergenerational trauma experienced by their descendants. To find out more, visit [www.kinchelaboyshome.org.au](http://www.kinchelaboyshome.org.au).*

*In 2013, survivors of the Cootamundra Domestic Training Home For Aboriginal Girls formed the Coota Girls Corporation which aims to ensure the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of survivors of the Cootamundra Domestic Training Home For Aboriginal Girls 1912-1969, their families and descendants. Coota Girls (as they prefer to be known) are now aged between 50 and 85yrs old and need support as they age.*

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