

Meaningful healing for NSW Stolen Generations welcomed

The response by the NSW Government to the Inquiry into Reparations for the Stolen Generations has come 20 years after the tabling of the Bringing Them Home Report in Federal Parliament and eight years after the Apology. In that time many Stolen Generations have passed away. It is with mixed emotions that we acknowledge the \$73.8 million package provided by the NSW Government.

Over 1,000 children were removed in NSW which means that over 1000 families and their communities were deeply affected by the trauma of having their children taken. “While nothing can undo the damage caused by forcibly removing children from their families and communities this suite of measures will go some way towards creating healing for many Stolen Generations members.”

“In what was a challenging process the NSW Government has arrived at a decision that showed it listened to those Stolen Generations who told their story to the Reparations Inquiry Committee.”

Next year is the 20th anniversary of the Bringing Them Home report. “It is time for other jurisdictions to follow NSW’s lead, to make a meaningful contribution to the healing needs of Stolen Generations”, Mr Weston said.

The Healing Foundation particularly welcomes the following measures:

- healing fund to support survivors and their descendants
- reparations package for Stolen Generations survivors
- memorials and keeping places providing recognition and remembrance

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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