

People,

**Please take note!!!**

The WA and Australian governments are way out of line if they think they can pay us what is being called 'shut-up money' to give them some sort of satisfaction and peace of mind that they are making up for **ALL** the pain and suffering their forebears have imposed upon us, the Sovereign Aboriginal people of Australia.

This is yet again proof that they think they are dealing with primitive, child-like people. NOT SO!!!!

We will not sit back and let this government shaft us again.

I look forward to some real positive action being put in place by you who are supposed to be ensuring that we are correctly compensated. Remember Trevorrow of South Australia who took that gov't to court and won compensation of over \$700,000 ( seven hundred thousand).

This country could easily compensate every Aboriginal person to the tune of \$1,000,000 ( one million dollars) each. This would not take away the memories that haunt us but will certainly lift us way above the poverty line, which all the past governments have ensured that we live well under.

Even the Stolen Wages needs to be addressed in a real way and not allocated in drips and drabs so as to keep us down.

Even They, ALL the Gov'ts since invasion, should all be tried for High Treason for blatantly ignoring Queen Victoria's Edict that they, the gov't of the day and all successive gov'ts, treat the Aboriginal people of Australia with respect and set land aside so WE could continue to live in the way We do and also pay us 1% of the countries earnings. The letter was in response to a letter written by Aboriginal women from the south-east of Australia in the 1830's. This letter has mysteriously disappeared from the archives.

Many know they are doing the wrong thing to Us, the Aboriginal people, and they are trying to hide it and cover it up. WE KNOW and so do many others.

Please show some real intestinal fortitude and make the necessary changes and DO NOT be afraid.

Fear seems to be hounding all the others which is why they insist they are trying to help us when they know full well that their actions are showing otherwise. Is it that they need to feel superior to someone and so, keep us down while we're there!?!?!??????

I implore you to act with bravery and compassion and insist that we are compensated in a true and meaningful way.

Thank you.

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## To Whom It May Concern

I write to question the WA government decision to reduce the maximum payout amount for the Aboriginal people of Western Australia under the WA Redress scheme.

Firstly, it is an absolute insult, adding salt to the wounds (physical, psychological & sexual) of all the Aboriginal people who suffered so horrendously at the hands of the very people who were appointed to “protect” the children, who were stolen due to ethnocentric policies put forth by ‘holier than thou’ fools who mistakenly assumed that Aboriginal people did not know how to look after their own children whom they loved very much, causing many (both children and parents ) to die of broken hearts.

Those who survived were forced to suffer the humiliation of having no say whatsoever in the day to day care and control of their children and were forced to watch and know that their children were suffering yet were totally powerless to change the situation and/or circumstances which they found themselves in.

I ask all those reading this to put themselves in the place of any one of these parents and see whether you could handle having your terrified, crying children wrenched from your arms and then sit back and allow this to continue for years and years without any possibility of the safe return of your dear children, for fear of death or some other form of punishment to deter them.

Imagine trying to get your children back whether through written and/or verbal requests, too numerous to recall, yet these requests falling on deaf ears because you didn’t live the same way as the so-called authorities.

Imagine crying and begging, arms, heart and head aching because no matter what you wrote or said, regardless of your child’s health, safety and happiness, or rather unhappiness, you were totally ignored, nothing you said or did made one iota’s difference.

How would you feel???

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You were told that your child was in the best place possible yet you knew there was no love there. No comfort for your child, no loving arms to hold them and comfort them when they were sad or sick or lonely or sexually abused, No-one to stand up for their rights to live with love and dignity, as was their God-given right.

If you think that situation is one that is absolutely intolerable then please consider what the parents as well as the children suffered, through no fault of their own other than that they looked different and had different value systems.

Yes!, back then, the authorities were totally and unequivocally misguided but that was then and this is now yet the government seems to still have the same mindset of your forebears when you think that a miserly sum of somewhere between \$10,000 ~ \$40,000 can make up for all the pain, suffering, anguish, heartache and shattered lives. Even the former maximum amount of \$80,000 is an absolute outrage and a paltry sum, which is supposed to make up for the total destruction of the loving family that was our Birthright.

Even at \$80,000 for the 10,000 or so claimants the sum doesn't even reach \$1 billion and yet the government is crying poor all the while still reaping the benefits, in the billions, of this great and bounteous land....still at the expense of the Aboriginal people, still dispossessing us and treating us like imbeciles.

You even drop the amount from \$10,000 as a base payment down to a useless \$5,000 and the top amount from \$90,000 to \$40,000!!!?????????

Will your treachery never end? You ask us to open wounds that are so painful just so you can throw a poxy amount only to cut that in half again.

We ARE NOT and WILL NOT be shafted again with this so-called 'compensation ~ Redress' money which won't even ease the burdens we have to live with on a daily basis because of the white man's greed and utter disdain for Aboriginal people, who managed to live in this beautiful country for so long without causing any destruction, yet you people in a few short years, have managed to stuff up everything you have laid your hands on.

This mongrel amount you want to give us to 'help us' overcome the ripple effect of your forebear's policies is an absolute mockery of Redress!

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What you are offering in the upper amount is not even enough to buy a house or land and in the lesser amount, not even enough to buy a new car, thus leaving us, once again, to feel like second-class citizens – not worthy of being properly compensated in the true sense of the word, or in a true and meaningful way.

You expect us to accept this ‘shut-up money’ to ease your collective consciences all the while knowing that not much can be accomplished with this. We know this ‘shut-up money is supposed to buy you all a clear conscience but this is not possible.

You have devised a cunning plan to try to further dishearten us and continue the genocidal policies of yesteryear. Wanting to avoid having to pay out as the SA Government did in the case of Trevorrow V State, where he was awarded over \$700,000 for the horror he suffered.

Secondly, you also cut the initial upper amount from \$80,000 to \$40,000 because other people (white English) want to be compensated for the horrors they suffered at the hands of so-called carers when they were sent to Australia for safety sake, from England during the World Wars.

Ah yes,..... this suits you as you really don't want to help the Aboriginal people and make amends in any real sense of the word.

But some of you know full well that the British Government has already set up a trust fund of some \$5billion dollars to compensate the children who were sent here and their families. And there weren't nearly as many children removed, relocated as there were Aboriginal children and people.

How shameful it is the WA Gov't, let alone the Australian Gov't, couldn't follow the lead of the so-called Motherland and really try to heal people's lives in real terms of compensation by alleviating, at least, the financial situation of those whose lives they have shattered by ill-informed, archaic, patronizing policies which continued for over 200 years, practically the full term of invasion and occupation.

And you can't even say 'Sorry' and mean it as the so-called Motherland has.

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Please take note, be aware AND REALIZE, We, the Aboriginal people of this country are not what you perceive us to be.

And for goodness sake, **be real in your offer to compensate us and our families for the near total loss and breakdown of our family units and extended families.**

Be adult enough to admit you were wrong in trying to shut us up with this ridiculous compensation offer and make it more substantial so as to alleviate this terrible existence we are forced to endure due to wrongful thinking and policies which are still in effect, even today, causing most Aboriginal families to live just below the poverty line, especially the ones who have suffered untold degradation causing the psyche to be damaged enough to make it extremely difficult to recover and rise above the crap that is still being dealt out in one way or another.

You people know how damaging sexual assault is especially on children. But you think because we are Aboriginal, it had no effect?

You know what 'separation anxiety' is! You know what being talked down to does to one's self-esteem!

But do you really think we will accept this piss poor offer from Australia's largest and wealthiest State?

This is an absolutely shameful, shameless ploy to shut us up and it will not work!

I urge you to be fair, open your eyes, ears, brains and hearts if you have any of these.

Stop procrastinating and Get Real! What does the National Anthem say - ***Australians all, let us rejoice, for we are young and free.....ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR!***

We have suffered much and now's the time to make amends and give us, the 1<sup>st</sup> Australians, a FAIR GO!

As you judge for us, so shall it be for you!