

## **SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO THE STOLEN GENERATION COMPENSATION BILL 2008**

This submission is being made by Blue Mountains Antar (Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation) and we make the following points:

1. It is essential that the Inquiry consider ALL the recommendations of the 1997 Bringing Them Home (BTH) Report especially recommendations 3, 4, 5a, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 which address monetary compensation.
2. In addition, 34 of the 54 recommendations of the BTH report address reparations. These non-monetary reparations of rehabilitation, restitution, measures against repetition are as important as monetary compensation to the healing of the trauma experienced by the Stolen generations.
3. We endorse the recent statement of the National Sorry Day Committee "It is not just about saying Sorry, or about 'Closing the Gap' in health inequity. It is about reparations that embrace Rehabilitation, Restitution, Acknowledgement, Apology, measures against Repetition, and Monetary Compensation".
4. We endorse the Inquiry's intention to consider many different compensation models and we commend the recent precedence set in Australia by the Tasmanian government. We note that the BTH report recommended that the Council of Australian Governments establish a joint national compensation fund managed by a board chaired by an Indigenous person and made up of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.
5. We believe that all 54 recommendations of the BTH report are relevant to the healing and the rights of the Stolen generations.
6. It is vital that the Inquiry is informed by broad and genuine consultation with Link-Up services, members of the Stolen Generations and their families and other relevant organisations and groups.

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This submission was compiled by a sub-committee of BMAntar members and authorised by all members.

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