

Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
The Committee Secretary
P.O. Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra

Dear Sir,

Stolen Generations Compensation Bill 2008

The NSW body of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) welcomes the opportunity to submit to this committee that it supports compensation on just terms to the survivors of the Stolen Generations.

As monetary compensation is considered payable generally to those who have suffered harm and loss through no fault of their own, so it is proper that the Stolen Generations should receive monetary compensation, as there can be no greater harm and loss than a child being removed from their family on the basis of their race and being denied their ancestral connections to land, language and culture.

We would also urge the Senate Committee request from the COAG details of State, Territory and Commonwealth progress in the implementation of the 54 Recommendations of the *Bringing them home* Report, with a view to recommending their comprehensive implementation in the shortest possible time, including those dealing with monetary compensation.

Please see the separate submission from the National body of ANTaR for a review of models of compensation.

Yours faithfully,

Bob Makinson

President, ANTaR New South Wales