GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 3

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## INQUIRY INTO REPARATIONS FOR THE STOLEN GENERATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The Upper House committee currently conducting an inquiry into reparations for the Stolen Generations in New South Wales will be visiting Nowra on Wednesday 2 March 2016 and holding a public hearing. Members of the public are welcome to attend to watch proceedings. The details of the hearing are as follows:

**Nowra** Wednesday 2 March 2016, 10.55 am - 3.30 pm

Sunrise Room, Bomaderry Bowling Club

154 Meroo Road, Bomaderry

The chair of the committee, Ms Jan Barham MLC said, 'it has been nearly 20 years since the 'Bringing them Home' report was released, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities throughout New South Wales are still grappling with the impact of the Stolen Generations'.

Ms Barham continued: 'evidence of the trauma caused by past policies has been clearly evident at every hearing so far and the committee will be making recommendations on reparations to address these issues'.

"The committee is keen to engage with as many people as possible on this important issue and strongly encourages all individuals and groups, including non-indigenous people, to make a submission and attend the hearings', said Ms Barham.

For further information about the inquiry, including the hearing schedule, the terms of reference for the inquiry, or for information on how to make a submission, please go to the committee's website: <a href="https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3">www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3</a>, or call the committee secretariat on (02) 9230 3528.

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