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INQUIRY INTO REPARATIONS FOR THE STOLEN GENERATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The New South Wales Upper House has commenced an inquiry into reparations for the Stolen Generations in New South Wales.

The Committee Chair, Ms Jan Barham MLC said, ‘This inquiry will examine what progress has been made in making reparations to address the intergenerational harm that has been caused to members of the Stolen Generations and their families and communities.’

‘The inquiry will consider the New South Wales Government’s response to ‘Bringing them Home’, the report released in 1997 from the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Their Families. The committee will consider whether there is a need for new legislation or policies to make appropriate reparations, which could include acknowledgment and apology, guarantees against repetition, measures of restitution and rehabilitation, and monetary compensation.’

Ms Barham continued: ‘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. We hope that this inquiry will help address the issues still faced by these families as a result of their forced separations.’

‘The committee will consult extensively throughout the inquiry, especially in regional areas. We are keen to engage with as many people as possible and strongly encourage submissions from interested individuals, groups and organisations,’ Ms Barham said.

The closing date for submissions is Sunday 27 September 2015. The committee anticipates holding public hearings in Sydney and regional New South Wales later in the year.

For further information about the inquiry, including its terms of reference, or for information on how to make a submission, please go to our website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3, or call the committee secretariat on (02) 9230 3509.

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