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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 holding public hearings in Sydney next week.

The committee will be having the public hearings in the Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney on Tuesday 9 February 2016, between 9.30 am and 4.30pm and Wednesday 10 February 2016, between 9.30 am and 2.20 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend to watch proceedings.

The committee heard from members of the Stolen Generation when they visited the Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls' Training Home and Kinchela Boy's Home last year. The committee has also heard from a number of witnesses at its hearings in Sydney, Wagga Wagga, Kempsey and Grafton and will be travelling to Broken Hill, Walgett and Nowra over the coming weeks.

The chair of the committee, Ms Jan Barham MLC said, 'the inquiry is looking at what has happened in the last 20 years since the Bringing Them Home Report and what the government is actually doing to provide enough support to the people who were subjected to forced removals'.

'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.

Ms Barham continued: 'we are hoping that people will come forward and share their stories of the past to assist the committee in formulating our report and recommendations to the government, so that we can continue to help those impacted by these policies'.

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: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3, or call the committee secretariat on (02) 9230 3528.

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