

Ms Debra Anne Hocking
C/- Department of Aboriginal Affairs
Level 13, 280 Elizabeth Street
SURRY HILLS NSW 2010

Dear Ms Hocking

I am writing to you regarding your application under the *Stolen Generations of Aboriginal Children Act 2006*.

The Stolen Generations Assessor, Ray Groom, has assessed your application and determined that you are eligible for a payment under the Act.

In accordance with his advice \$58,333.33 has been deposited into the bank account nominated by you. This represents the amount you are eligible to receive as determined by the Act.

On behalf of the Tasmanian Government I wish to extend a personal apology to you. The experience of being removed from your family and community was the product of past policies and practices that were wrong and unjust.

While no amount of money can make up for what happened to you and to other Aboriginal children, as Premier of Tasmania I am sorry for the suffering you have experienced.

My Government is committed to promoting reconciliation with members of the Aboriginal community in Tasmania. Recognising the hurt and injustice suffered by you and other members of the Stolen Generations is an important step in this journey of healing.

I have asked that my Department keep open the Stolen Generations information line for the next couple of months. Should you feel that reliving the experiences you had as a child is causing you further distress, counselling can be arranged for you. If this is the case please feel free to call on 1300 654 583 and someone will be able to advise you on how we can help.

I wish you and your family all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely



Paul Lennon
Premier

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