

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO REPARATIONS FOR THE STOLEN
GENERATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 3
Inquiry into Reparations for the Stolen Generations in New South Wales

Dear NSW Legislative Councillors ,

Please note in Your Inquiry Report in relation to Term of Reference "2.(c) measures of restitution" the Representation made by some Stolen Generation Members that having lost Their Family and Their Home, that a just measure of restitution can be a House which the Stolen Generation Member can keep and maintain as a Home.

"If the government took away my Family and my Home, the least they can do is give me back a house that I can call my Home.", is a Representation I have heard from a 'StolenGen' Member. Pursuing this administratively could mean that StolenGen Members receive Special Housing Assistance to reverse the discrimination that has caused Them and Their Descendants and Extended Family Accumulated Intergenerational Trauma. As well as Aboriginal People who have a Genealogical Connexion to Country and historically connected Aboriginal People to a place, another aspect of looking at housing need and subsequent priority level could be a particular housing restitution measure that acknowledges the situation of StolenGen Members.

An examination of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody ['RCIADIC'] Reports should be undertaken as part of the Inquiry to note and extract relevant parts of those RCIADIC Reports mentioning the contributing factor of being affected by Stolen Generation policies as a precursor to being in custody.

Information relevant in other NSW Inquiries on Aboriginal or related issues must also be examined and extracted to compile a thread of instances of NSW Parliament and Government consideration of StolenGen issues to discover what may underly the comments made by Members of the Stolen Generations gathered to participate in this Inquiry at NSW Parliament House Theatre Thursday 17Sep2015, when They said 'We're sick of telling Our stories, no-one listens'. In relation to 2(c) there should be restitution urgency because of the comment made at that gathering that the StolenGen Members are Elders and elderly, and ill and dying.

Please Consider and take positive ACTION URGENTLY to address the needs of Our Stolen Generation Members while They are still with Us and the Government has a chance to make up for the Trauma and Intergenerational damage caused by the removal policies.

THAN..X..,dominicWYkanak,