

Please can you consider my view on the subject of stolen wages.

I have been aware for some time of the dreadful history of the treatment of Aboriginal and Torre Strait Island peoples and of Federal and State Governments poor attempt at reconciliation, also of the ingrained corruption that kept many from coming to live in Queensland when 'Joe' was in power.

I find it unbelievable the racist attitude of Australian governments and failure to acknowledge wrong doing by not keeping proper records of peoples wages that they were 'entrusted' with. If these people had been white I am sure that records would have been made available.

To offer people who have worked for up to and plus 40 years without wages and had to endure concentration camp living conditions [Cherberg} a pittance of \$2000/\$4000 is a downright insult, I am ashamed of the government who offered it, [Peter Beatty. Labor].

If we as Australians really want true reconciliation the we should practice what we preach about the Australian 'fair go' and give these unfortunate people their rightful wages, if any government 'trustee' has not kept records because of their own or previous governments incompetence at record keeping or downright embezzlement of funds, **then accept a statutory declaration from the claimants.** It seems like the government/s are just hoping these folks will just die before their claim can be paid.

The money in question is but a pittance compared to all the wasted money governments spend on marketing for votes, or the marketing the sale of telstra, for example.

I implore this government/administration to do the right thing and treat others like they would expect their own families to be treated [especially as they often preach on family values!].

Kind regards

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