

Legal and Constitutional References [Senate] Committee:

Inquiry into Indigenous Workers Whose Paid Labour Was Controlled by Government [Stolen Wages]
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/legcon_ctte/stolen_wages/index.htm

On 13 June 2006, the Senate referred the above inquiry to the Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee for inquiry and report by 7 December 2006. Submissions are being called for by **28 July 2006**. Please note:

- submissions may be as short or as long as you like and may contain facts, opinions, arguments or recommendations.
- submissions may cover all the points in the terms of reference or only some of them, depending on what interests you.
- more pages and/or supporting documents may be attached.
- all submissions are considered regardless of their format or medium.
- submissions must not be disclosed to any other person until they are released by the committee.
- if you want your submission to be kept confidential please mark clearly and you must say why.
- don't forget to sign your submission.
- if you make a submission the committee may invite you to give evidence at a public hearing.

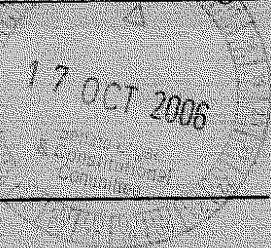
If you require further information please contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 3560 or leave a message with ANTaR National on (02) 9555 6138. Don't forget the deadline for written submissions is 28 July 2006!

Submission to the Legal and Constitutional References [Senate] Committee:

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My/Our Submission:

I strongly believe the government should pay compensation to people who suffered physically or financially under protection laws and to descendants if those whose money was 'handed' by authorities, and they are now dead.

Records should be looked after by a neutral group so they are kept safe and can be seen by all who need to see them.

Compensation should be adequately assessed and not a token amount. If records have been 'lost' or destroyed this is not the fault of those who have suffered and they should not be penalised.

Government have failed in their fiduciary duty. It is stupid to spend large amounts in legal fees when that money could be used as compensation and could foster some good will.

Signature(s):

Ruth Hamlyn-Harris

**RETURN THIS FORM TO: Committee Secretary, Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
Department of the Senate, PO Box 6100, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600
OR Fax: 02 6277 5794 OR Email: legcon.sen@aph.gov.au**

This form was developed by Australians for Native Title & Reconciliation (ANTaR) Qld in consultation with the Stolen Wages Campaign Working Group to assist community people and interested members of the public to lodge a submission to the Inquiry. For more information about ANTaR Qld and the Stolen Wages campaign see <http://www.antarqld.org.au>