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When you consider the kinds of atrocities the stolen generation children and their families suffered, it is only right to compensate them. The past governments introduced policies used to dispossess these people from their lands, their culture and their families, using legal-rational rule to legitimize these policies was wrong.

You compensate refugee seekers for wrongful detainment, yet you fail to compensate the traditional owners of this land for the past wrongs that have been committed.

The government spent millions of dollars setting up and researching the Bringing Them Home report and yet you have implemented very few of the recommendations of this report. One simple way to help the Indigenous people of Australia is to provide adequate housing, you try and keep a house clean when it is a small block 3 bedroom place with one bathroom and there are 15 people living in it; task impossible, the treatment of trachoma, why are these people still suffering from a disease that is easily eradicated.

You can either agree to this simplistic solution to the problem or we could further tie up the court systems and cost the government millions of dollars for defence against compensation cases. The answer is simple economics.

Do the right thing, step up to the plate and compensate.

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