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Dear Secretary

**Re: Submission into the Senate Committee Inquiry into the Stolen Generation
Compensation Bill 2008**

I would like to support the submission made by The Bringing Them Home Committee (WA) Inc., which held a meeting in Perth on Wednesday 2nd April 2008 to seek input from members of the Stolen Generations and their families about the Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008. Unfortunately, I could not attend but have subsequently received a briefing on the proposed Bill and an outline of the discussion that took place at the meeting.

I agree with the key points in the submission made by The Bringing Them Home Committee, particularly those relating to the shortcomings in the WA Redress scheme, the use of oral submissions or submissions made on behalf of distressed claimants, the level of compensation and the need for additional support measures to be made available to the entire Aboriginal community.

Finally, I urge you to schedule a Committee Hearing in Perth and look forward to the opportunity to making an oral submission to the Committee should a decision be made to conduct a Hearing in Perth.

Yours sincerely,