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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on
Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Department of the Senate
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

Senate Committee Inquiry into the Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008

I am writing to express strong support for The Bringing Them Home Committee (WA) Inc. submission on the Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008. The submission is based on input from many of the Stolen Generation and families now resident in Western Australia.

As The Bringing Them Home Committee has indicated, there are important issues which need to be addressed including:

- 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.

Please arrange a hearing in Perth in the schedule. There are many people directly affected who reside here and whose submissions would be invaluable for the Senate Committee Inquiry to hear first hand.

Yours sincerely,

Gail Wyatt