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To: Web, Administrator (SEN)

Subject: Compensation for Stolen Generation members

To the Committee,

As an Aboriginal person who was removed from my family and put in a Mission, I strongly support the proposal to give Financial Compensation to those who, as part of Government policy, were taken away from their families.

I am in support of this because I know first-hand the devastation upon the Aboriginal community of Australia.

Being taken away from family has affected all Aboriginal families and has placed Aboriginal people in a disadvantaged and handicapped position where ongoing poverty and a myriad of social and economic problems are rife. This obviously has a huge bearing upon how people feel about themselves, as individuals and whether they are included in the (healthy) mainstream. I know that money can't totally fix the 'problem' but from a practical point it certainly would make many of those peoples lives a lot more bearable. They would have some money to purchase those essential things that they need and also maybe pay-off long-standing debts that they may have. I think that it would be a great act by the Government if this was to happen and I believe that Aboriginal people would receive it thankfully and graciously. We all can then move on together...as Australians.

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