



# The case for a Queensland Stolen Generations Redress Scheme is compelling.

Link-Up (Qld) recommends that the Queensland Government urgently establish a comprehensive, Survivor-led Queensland Stolen Generations Redress Scheme for Survivors of forced removal policies and practices and their direct descendants. Redress formally recognises and responds to the harm caused through measures including compensation, improved access to records and dedicated healing services.

The Queensland Government should establish a Scheme for the following reasons:

- 1. The historical injustices and harms are well documented:** Successive Queensland Governments enacted laws, policies and practices that authorised the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, communities and cultures between 1897 and 1984 and beyond. Based on racist “protection” and “assimilation” ideologies, these removals broke family, cultural and spiritual bonds and caused profound trauma with ongoing intergenerational impacts.
- 2. A National Inquiry recommended redress:** The landmark *Bringing Them Home* report (1997), commissioned by the Australian Government, recommended reparations for those affected by forcible removal and found that these policies violated human rights.
- 3. Thousands of Queensland Survivors are ageing without redress:** An estimated 5,300 Stolen Generations Survivors were living in Queensland in 2022–23, representing around 23% of the national Survivor population. Many experience high levels of disability, psychological distress and mental health conditions.
- 4. Redress can support healing and reconciliation:** Building on the 1999 Queensland Government Apology, a comprehensive Scheme can provide long-overdue recognition and justice, support family and cultural reconnection, and help break cycles of intergenerational trauma.

- 5. Healing strengthens Queensland communities:** The impacts of forced removal continue across generations. Supporting Survivors and descendants to heal and break cycles of intergenerational trauma will contribute to healthier, safer and stronger communities for all Queenslanders.
- 6. Queensland is the only jurisdiction yet to establish a redress scheme:** A Stolen Generations redress scheme has been established for every other Australian state and territory. Why should Queensland Survivors be left behind?
- 7. Queensland Governments have already recognised the principle of reparations:** Establishing a Stolen Generations Redress Scheme would be consistent with Queensland's previous approach to reparations, including Stolen Wages reparations processes and participation in the National Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse.
- 8. The time to act is now:** 2027 marks the 30th anniversary of the *Bringing Them Home* report, presenting an important opportunity for Queensland to honour its recommendations and provide long-overdue redress to Survivors. As Queensland prepares to welcome the world for the 2032 Olympics, establishing a Scheme would demonstrate its commitment to human rights and justice for past wrongs.

## Turn awareness into action

Urge the Queensland Government and your local MP to support the establishment of a comprehensive, Survivor-led redress scheme for Stolen Generations Survivors and descendants in Queensland.

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**Link-Up (Qld) Aboriginal Corporation** has supported Stolen Generations Survivors and their families since 1984. We help Survivors and descendants reconnect with family, Country and culture through family history research, reunions, counselling and other culturally safe, trauma-informed healing services.

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