

# Victorian Government Apology to the Stolen Generations

17 September 1997 – 17 September 1997

## Details

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On 17 September 1997, Premier Kennett issued an apology in the Legislative Assembly to the Aboriginal people for the past policies leading to the removal of Aboriginal children from their families and communities.

The apology began with the words:

*That this house apologises to the Aboriginal people on behalf of all Victorians for the past policies under which Aboriginal children were removed from their families and expresses deep regret at the hurt and distress this has caused and reaffirms its support for reconciliation between all Australians.*

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Related Events

- [National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission \(1995 - 1997\)](#)

#### Related Concepts

- [Stolen Generations](#)

### Resources

- Australian Human Rights Commission, [Content of apologies by State and Territory Parliaments](#), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice, 30 March 2008

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