

# **A COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR THE STOLEN GENERATIONS**

## **It's time for a nationally consistent scheme**

The legacy of stolen generations continues today.

First Nations children were violently, forcibly and deliberately taken from their parents and their communities by governments, police, and church missions.

Many survivors are still not sure where they come from or who their families are.

The Greens will introduce a national compensation scheme, providing \$200,000 to support survivors.

All children deserve to know who they are, and where they come from.

### **THE GREENS WILL:**

- ▲ **Introduce a compensation scheme**, providing \$200,000 payments to support survivors of the Stolen Generation and their families
- ▲ **Will provide a range of services to support the emotional and mental health needs** of survivors and their families

## PAYING FOR OUR PLAN

By making billionaires and big corporations pay their fair share of tax and winding back handouts to big polluters, we can build a better life for all of us.

1 in 3 big corporations pays no tax and many big corporations and billionaires send their profits offshore tax free.

The Greens will tax billionaires with a new 'billionaires tax', require big corporations making excessive profits to pay a 'corporate super-profits tax' and axe billions of dollars in handouts to the coal, oil and gas giants that are driving the climate crisis.

These measures have all been costed by the independent Parliamentary Budget Office.

When big corporations and billionaires pay their fair share, everyone can have the services they need for a better life.

## COMPENSATION FOR THE STOLEN GENERATIONS

As a result of racist government policy, children from the Stolen Generation were enslaved, trained as servants, abused, assaulted, or fostered into other families, resulting in incredible trauma. Members of the Stolen Generations are more likely to experience a range of adverse outcomes, including poor health, especially mental health, including high incidences of anxiety, depression, PTSD and suicide, along with alcohol abuse. This deep trauma also impacted the families and communities of members of the Stolen Generations.

Descendants of the Stolen Generations are twice as likely to have experienced discrimination in the last 12 months, 1.9 times more likely to have experienced violence in the last 12 months and 1.6 times as likely to be in

poorer health compared to other First Nations people.<sup>1</sup>

Despite the Government's apology to the Stolen Generations, there is still no national compensation scheme for survivors.

The Greens will establish a nationally consistent compensation scheme that will compensate each survivor with a \$200,000 payment to support them and their families as they age and continue to heal, as well as a \$7,000 payment for funeral expenses.

The Greens will also provide a range of services to support the emotional and mental health needs of survivors and their families as they continue to heal from the unbelievable trauma of being stolen by the government and its agencies, including by providing \$371m to self-determined, community-led First Nations

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<sup>1</sup> <https://healingfoundation.org.au/stolen-generations/stolen-generationsreport/>

health services and \$1.07 billion for the creation of 250 cultural healing spaces across the country.

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