STOLEN GENERATIONS REPARATIONS

HIGHEST PRIORITY COMPLETION

2036
By the time our State turns 200 years old, I want South Australia to be a place of prosperity.
Planning and delivering on my vision for a better future starts now.
This policy is just one part of our plan to deliver a clear and responsible pathway to recovery and success.
See where it fits in below

1.0 GROWING OUR ECONOMY
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  4.3 Building resilience and creating more opportunities for vulnerable South Australians
  4.5 Striving for equality and alleviating entrenched disadvantage
5.0 BUILDING OUR STATE
6.0 ENSURING SAFETY AND JUSTICE
7.0 PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT
8.0 EMBRACING OUR UNIQUE CULTURE
9.0 RUNNING AN EFFICIENT AND STABLE GOVERNMENT
“We have led the way in securing compensation for the Stolen Generation.”
THE PROBLEM

In 2014 the State Liberals introduced legislation to provide ex-gratia financial compensation to eligible members of the stolen generation who were removed from their families.

Eventually, in 2016, the Weatherill Government called for applications for payments through a Stolen Generation Reparation Scheme.

The Liberals have continued to support compensation payments as an important bi-partisan issue but the process is taking too long.

During the 2017 Parliamentary Budget Estimates Committee, our questions revealed that about $400,000 had been spent on administration, but none of the almost 450 applicants had been advised whether they would receive compensation.

To date, none of the 450 compensation applicants have been advised if their application has been successful.

Nor had the Government determined how much each successful applicant would receive.
THE STATE LIBERALS’ PLAN

We will continue our commitment to reconciliation and ensure that successful applicants are paid quickly.

If elected in March 2018, a Marshall Liberal Government will ensure the Reparation Scheme makes payments to successful applicants as quickly as possible.

Two years is too long to wait.

We will complete the consideration of individual applications then ensure that applications for whole-of-community reparations are also finalised expeditiously.

It was a Liberal Government in 1997 that initiated a State Parliament’s first apology to the Stolen Generation.

Our support for a reparations scheme has kept South Australia at the forefront of reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.

I have had a long-standing commitment to reconciliation in South Australia as a Board Member of Reconciliation SA and through annual visits to the APY Lands for the past seven years since my election to Parliament.

It is important that we continue to work to improve the welfare of Aboriginal people.
“We will give the highest priority to completing the Stolen Generation Reparation Scheme so that South Australia remains at the forefront of reconciliation.”

Steven Marshall, State Liberal Leader
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