

## COMPENSATION LONG TIME COMING

The Stolen Generations Alliance, a national body aimed at supporting members of the Stolen Generations, their families and communities to achieve healing, truth and justice has welcomed the decision by a South Australian court yesterday to award compensation to a member of the Stolen Generations, Bruce Trevorrow.

Chairperson of the Stolen Generations Alliance, Brian Butler, said today:

‘This decision has been a long time coming and will do a great deal to give other members of the Stolen Generations the courage and confidence to seek due compensation for their suffering and heartache. Of course there is no amount of money that will compensate for their loss of family and the abuse that many were subjected to, but this is a practical way to ensure their journey toward healing is made easier. It recognises the hardships they have endured and survived.’

The courage shown by Bruce Trevorrow in bringing this matter to court paves the way for others, as did Stolen Generations member Val Linow who was awarded compensation in November 2000 in recognition of the abuse she suffered.

Brian Butler went on to say that:

‘The Stolen Generations Alliance will continue to bring the issues of the Stolen Generations to the attention of the public until proper recognition is given to their experience, the truth is told and accepted, justice is forthcoming and the healing can really begin. As it stands the experience of the Stolen Generations is still a very real problem for this country and a sincere effort to resolve these issues is well overdue.

‘Australia needs to take active steps to properly address these shameful aspects of its history rather than putting people through the trauma of reliving their experiences in a court room. It is time for the government to seriously consider a compensation package for all members of the Stolen Generations as was recently awarded in Canada.’

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