



Dear colleagues

Today marks 17-years since Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologised on behalf of the nation for past laws, policies and practices that have impacted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, particularly members of the Stolen Generations and their descendants.

Between 1910 and 1970 thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children were forcibly removed from their families and communities by churches, welfare organisations and governments.

These children are known as the Stolen Generations.

When forcibly removed, these children were fostered or adopted by non-Indigenous families or raised in institutions. Many of them never had the opportunity to know who their biological parents were and some are still searching for them to this day.

I encourage each work area to take some time today to sit and yarn around the [National Apology](#) and how generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been affected and continue to be affected by past government policies and practices.

Kind Regards

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We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which our facilities are built. We also pay respect and acknowledge Elders past, present and the future.

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