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The Honourable John Rau MP
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Dear Mr Attorney

The Stolen Generation

The Society's Aboriginal Issues Committee and Council have discussed the issue of compensation for the "stolen generation" of indigenous people. The Society's Council, at its meeting on 29 November 2010 resolved as follows

Having regard to

- 1 *the factual background of the case of Trevorrow v The State of South Australia No 5 [2006] 98 SASR 136*
- 2 *the strong likelihood that there are a number of other Aboriginal people in fundamentally the same position as Mr Trevorrow*
- 3 *the complexities and difficulties inherent in the usual court process in general and these cases in particular*
- 4 *the passage of time*

the Council of the Law Society supports the establishment of an appropriate system in order to achieve the expedited and simplified resolution of their claims.

The Society requests that you consider the establishment of a mechanism that would facilitate the payment of appropriate compensation to the indigenous people who were removed from their families in accordance with previous Government policy.

Yours sincerely

Ralph Bönig
PRESIDENT

cc The Honourable Stephen Wade MP
The Honourable Tammy Frank MLC