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MEDIA STATEMENT

Don't Create Another Stolen Generations

The Central Australian Stolen Generations and Families Aboriginal Corporation (CASG&FAC) calls upon the Hon. Mal Brough MP, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, to reconsider his recent comments about removing indigenous children from their families.

Oopy Campbell, CASG&FAC Chairperson said

'To even begin to consider this as an option to deal with the problems currently being reported in the town camps around Alice Springs ignores the terrible impact of the forced removal of indigenous children from their families in the past. There are thousands of Indigenous people who are still searching for their family, their country and their place as a result of previous forced removal actions.'

The 1997 'National Enquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families' (*The Bringing Them Home Report*) stated

"It is difficult to capture the complexity of the effects [of removal] for each individual. Each individual will react different ... For the majority ... the effects have been multiple and profoundly disabling."

"The impacts of the removal policies continue to resound through the generations of Indigenous families. The overwhelming evidence is that the impact does not stop with the child removed. It is inherited by their own children in complex and sometimes heightened ways."

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