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## **Stolen Generation Comments Deeply Offensive to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People**

Comparing children of same-sex parents to a Stolen Generation is grossly insensitive to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This absurd comparison which paints the children of same-sex parents as a second Stolen Generation is deeply offensive, to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and LGBTQIA+ families.

The insidious comparison is a gross insult Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who endured a policy of assimilation and eugenics whereby our children were forcibly removed, and subject to abuse and neglect. Attempts were made to destroy our languages, culture and customs. The suffering and grief of the Stolen Generation lingers today in which we continue to feel the effects of intergeneration trauma.

This is in no way comparable to the experiences of children of same-sex parents, and to draw such a comparison is deeply offensive to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as well as LGBTQIA+ families. Children of same-sex parents who are cared and loved for are in no way subjected to the cultural genocide, abuse and loss that the Stolen Generation faced.

The often parroted comment has been in circulation for a number of years now, regularly trumpeted by the Australian Christian Lobby.

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