



Human Services Aboriginal Affairs NSW

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Via email:
Mr Bruce Reyburn
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Dear Mr Reyburn

I refer to your correspondence, dated 14 May 2010, to the Premier, the Hon Kristina Keneally MP, regarding the NSW Government's commitment to reconciliation. I have been asked to respond on her behalf.

The NSW Parliament was the first in Australia to apologise to members of the Stolen Generations, formally acknowledging the need for a focus on reconciliation. More recently, the NSW Government amended the NSW constitution to formally recognise Aboriginal people as the first people of the State.

The NSW Government provides ongoing financial support to the NSW Reconciliation Council, including more than \$233,000 this financial year to support their valuable and worthwhile reconciliation projects.

The NSW Government's commitment to Aboriginal people is also reflected in the NSW State Plan. A key priority in the State Plan is to Strengthen Aboriginal Communities and the Plan identifies a number of key strategies in the areas of education, health and employment aimed at strengthening Aboriginal communities across the State.

The NSW Government, through the Council of Australian Governments has also signed up to a number of challenging targets aimed at closing the unacceptable gap in wellbeing between Aboriginal people and the wider NSW population.

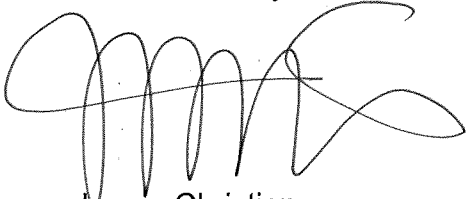
Investment in key areas, including environmental health, economic development and child and family safety underpin the NSW Government's commitment to achieving these targets.

Furthermore, the NSW Government continues to implement a range of strategies under Two Ways Together, the NSW Government's Aboriginal Affairs Plan 2003-2012.



These are some examples of the range of activities that the NSW Government is progressing across the State, in partnership with Aboriginal communities, focusing on improving outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Thank you for your interest and commitment to reconciliation.
Yours sincerely

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James Christian
Chief Executive

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