

# NSW Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme and Funeral Assistance Fund

## Fact Sheet – Fines Information

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### Protect your reparations payment from fines debt recovery

Fines in NSW are collected by Revenue NSW (you may know it by the previous name of State Debt Recovery). Revenue NSW can take money from a person's bank account if their fines are overdue.

If you have received a reparations and funeral payment through Aboriginal Affairs, this is what you can do to stop automatic payments coming out of your bank account to pay overdue fines.

#### What should I do?

If you have overdue fines, you can give permission for Aboriginal Affairs to contact Revenue NSW on your behalf. Aboriginal Affairs cannot tell Revenue NSW that you received a reparations payment unless you give permission. Call Aboriginal Affairs on **1800 019 998**, email [stolen.generations@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stolen.generations@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au) or call Revenue NSW on **1300 135 627**, as they have a dedicated team to assist.

#### What will happen to my fines when Revenue NSW finds out I received a reparation payment?

Once Revenue NSW finds out you received a reparations payment, they will put your fines on hold, which means they won't take any money from your bank account.

In some circumstances, Revenue NSW may also write off your fines automatically when they find out you received a reparations payment. This means you will not have to pay the fines.

However, if your fines are serious, then Revenue NSW may not be able to write them off automatically and you will still have to deal with them. If this happens, Aboriginal Affairs or Revenue NSW will contact you to discuss your options, like going on a payment plan. Revenue NSW will not take money from your bank account if you are making the agreed payments on a payment plan.

#### Legal advice

If you think you need legal advice about your circumstances, call LawAccess NSW on **1300 888 529**.

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Revenue NSW on 1300 135 627 now.**