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STOLEN GENERATIONS COMMEMORATED IN CENTRAL STATION

A plaque recognising the history of the Stolen Generations in Australia has been unveiled at an official ceremony at Sydney's Central Station.

The plaque, a NSW Government initiative in collaboration with Stolen Generations survivor organisations of NSW, will be placed on Platform 1 at Central Station in acknowledgement of the sad fact that many survivors were transported away from their families and communities by train.

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Sarah Mitchell said the NSW Government understands the importance of memorials and keeping places in recognising Stolen Generations survivors, their descendants and the broader community.

"Memorials like what we will now see in Central Station are crucial in assisting with survivors' healing, and also serve as a reminder to help ensure the wrongs of the past are not repeated," Ms Mitchell said.

"We know there is more to be done to continue this process, and to ensure survivors' needs are supported and addressed in a culturally sensitive and trauma informed way."

The NSW Government recently tabled the *Unfinished Business Report* to Parliament, which details the work the NSW Government has done to progress the commitments made to Stolen Generations survivors, including financial reparations and healing initiatives.

The memorial plaque at Central Station is part of the NSW Government's response to the report, and is one of many to be rolled out in train stations across the State.

The NSW Government has also made a number of other commitments to supporting the healing of Stolen Generations survivors, including:

- The establishment of the Stolen Generations Advisory Committee, which has met with officials across Government to discuss concerns and advocate for better service responses for survivors;
- Working closely with the Stolen Generations survivor organisations to support them towards receiving funding for collective healing responses; and

- An acknowledgement in NSW Parliament on the 20th anniversary of the tabling of the *Bringing Them Home* report, publicly recognising the historic wrongs of past government practices of forcible removals.

“The NSW Government will continue to take real and meaningful action when it comes to healing, according to the priorities identified by the Stolen Generations Advisory Committee,” Ms Mitchell said.

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