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JEWISH COMMUNITY SUPPORTS APOLOGY

The President of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry today released the following statement

“The Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the representative organisation of Australian Jewry, takes pride in the Jewish community’s ongoing commitment to reconciliation with indigenous Australians; to a multiculturalism that draws people into Australian life rather than separating them from it; and to an Australia that is inclusive for all Australians.

We strongly support the process of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians and are committed to addressing Indigenous disadvantage and to establishing respectful relationships with Indigenous Communities.

An apology to the Stolen Generations as recommended in the 1997 ‘Bringing Them Home Report’, is an important part of that process. The apology should be seen not as an end to the reconciliation process, but rather as the beginning of a new chapter in the quest by Indigenous Australians for complete equality with their fellow Australians.

We see the apology as a significant landmark in the ongoing pursuit of justice for Indigenous Australian comparable to the 1967 Referendum decision and the 1992 judgement of the High Court in the *Mabo* case. We support the Apology being made and we are gratified that the Federal Government has decided to make that Apology on 13th of February.”

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