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Sorry Day: A reminder of unfinished business

National Sorry Day is a reminder of the personal pain and ongoing damage caused by our nation's failure to respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as equals.

"Saying sorry was necessary, but not sufficient. Our governments still have unfinished business to do to address the harm and suffering caused to the Stolen Generations," said Jacqueline Phillips, ANTaR National Director.

"We urge governments to fully implement the recommendations of the Bringing Them Home report, including through payment of reparations."

Tomorrow marks the beginning of National Reconciliation Week which runs to 3 June. The theme for this year is 'Let's Talk Recognition' which provides a great opportunity to launch the national conversation about Constitutional recognition.

"We encourage all Australians to participate in the national conversation about recognition of identity, culture and history."

"The experience of the Stolen Generations highlights the importance of recognising the First Peoples of this land as equal members of the Australian nation."

"The current national consultation on Constitutional recognition offers us an opportunity to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have an equal and respected place in our nation and that the mistakes of our past are not repeated in the future."

To have your say on Constitutional Recognition, go to www.youmeunity.org.au or find out more at http://www.antar.org.au/constitutional_recognition

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