THE NATIONAL SORRY DAY STATEMENT

The following statement was endorsed by the staff and students of The Australian National University who signed their names in one of the six Sorry Day Books. The Sorry Day Books were handed over by representatives of the University to members of the local Aboriginal community and members of the stolen generation at a ceremony on the National Sorry Day, 26 May 1998.

By signing my name in this book, I record my deep regret for the injustices suffered by Indigenous Australians as a result of European settlement and, in particular, I offer my personal apology for the hurt and harm caused by the forced removal of children from their families and for the effect of government policy on the human dignity and spirit of Indigenous Australians.

I would like to record my desire for Reconciliation and for a better future for all our peoples. I make a commitment to a united Australia which respects this land of ours, values Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage, and provides justice and equity for all.