



APOLOGY TO THE STOLEN GENERATION

The people of the Kempsey Shire acknowledge with regret the findings of the National Inquiry into the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families.

In that acknowledgement is the belief that actions by past governments were ill conceived and inappropriate to the degree of bringing anguish and pain to many people. For this we are truly sorry, we sincerely apologise and we acknowledge the loss by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of their land, their children, their health, their lives, their culture and their language.

We, the people of the Kempsey Shire, acknowledge the importance of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to the future social and cultural well-being of our valley and draw attention to the efforts being made to improve the general quality of life throughout the community.

**The Kempsey Shire Council
22nd June 1999**

