

26 May 1999
Mr. Peter Beattie, Premier

- Apologises
- Speaks on behalf of all Queenslanders
- "Expresses deep sorrow and regret at the hurt and distress"

"I move:

That this House apologises to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland on behalf of all Queenslanders for the past policies under which indigenous children were forcibly separated from their families and expresses deep sorrow and regret at the hurt and distress that this caused.

This House recognises the critical importance to indigenous Australians and the wider community of a continuing reconciliation process, based on an understanding of, and frank apologies for, what has gone wrong in the past and total commitment to equal respect in the future."

Motion carried in the affirmative