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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **ALRM WELCOMES AN APOLOGY TO THE STOLEN GENERATION**

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After a long wait of 10 years waiting for an apology to the *Stolen Generation*, the Rudd Government's move to "Say Sorry" on 13 February, on behalf of the Australian Government is welcoming.

ALRM CEO, Mr Neil Gillespie said although Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd doesn't find addressing the issue with the right words easy, it is working to find an appropriate way to "Say Sorry" to the Stolen Generation and their families.

"Labor has been promising an apology for 10 years, but it is yet to tell the Australian public exactly what it would say on its behalf," Mr Gillespie said.

"On behalf of ALRM, we fully support the need for the Australian Government to apologise to Indigenous Australians. It is the right thing to do; and it is about time!" he said.

"An apology in the form of "Sorry" with the right words will put balm on the hurts of victims of the terrible past policies and will help them leave their past behind and look forward to the future."

"Just how much effect saying "sorry" will have on the Aboriginal Policies and in turn Aboriginal people is yet to be seen," said Mr Gillespie.

"I support the government for taking action. Aboriginal people have waited a long time for recognition of the effect of past policies and are very much looking forwards to hearing the words that will mean so much," he said.

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FYI: The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc provides legal services and associated activities (legal aid and native title legal services, financial counselling, law reform and advocacy, the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme and community education) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in South Australia. ALRM is an independent incorporated Aboriginal community organization