

THE STOLEN WAGES REPARATIONS SCHEME

What is the Stolen Wages Reparations Scheme?

The Queensland Government has announced \$21 million to make reparations payments to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Queenslanders whose wages and savings were controlled by past Queensland Governments under the Protection Acts.

The Stolen Wages Reparations Scheme will set out how the \$21million will be distributed. The Scheme is still being developed. Part of this process includes the Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce that was recently announced.

Who is on the Taskforce?

The Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce is chaired by Mr Mick Gooda, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission. Mr Gooda is supported by 11 other Taskforce members from across Queensland.

The Taskforce Members are:

- Mr Mick Gooda (Chair)
- Ms Pauline Ah Wang - Thursday Island
- Mr John Anderson – Brisbane
- Ms Gail Barry – Townsville
- Ms Rosaline Bourne – Mackay
- Mr Morris Cloudy – Townsville
- Ms Pamela Hegarty – Rockhampton
- Mr Raymond Sambo – Cairns
- Mr Marshall Saunders – Brisbane
- Ms Vivienne Schwartz – Rockhampton
- Mr Thomas Sebasio – Brisbane
- Ms Viola Sheridan – Brisbane

What will the Taskforce do?

The Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce will make recommendations to government about the Scheme's eligibility criteria and how applications will be assessed. To inform their recommendations, the Taskforce will consult with affected stakeholders across Queensland. Once the Reparations Scheme commences, the Taskforce will continue to provide advice to government to address any implementation issues.



Have your say...

In addition to face-to-face consultations, the Taskforce is taking written submissions.

People affected by stolen wages and savings are invited to put forward their ideas about:

- What the eligibility criteria should be for the Stolen Wages Reparations Scheme?
- How applications to the Stolen Wages Reparations Scheme should be assessed?

All written submission should be sent to the Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce, PO Box 15397, City East, Brisbane, QLD, 4002 or lodged via email – reparations@datsip.qld.gov.au

Submissions close 30 October 2015.

When will the Scheme start?

The Stolen Wages Reparations Scheme is expected to commence in late 2015 after the government has considered the Taskforce's recommendations and will run until 2018.

Who will be eligible?

The eligibility criteria has not yet been decided. The Taskforce will make recommendations to Government about who should be eligible. Once Government decides what the criteria will be, application forms and other information will be made available.

When will applications be available?

Applications will be available toward the end of 2015. There will be widespread notification of the application process before it starts and plenty of time to apply.

For more information...

Visit www.qld.gov.au/reparations or call the Reparations Project Team on 1800 619 505 which is free from landlines. Mobile phones will be charged at standard rates.

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