

# Why you're sorry, you racists



The Apology says	The Apology means	Action plan
Today we honour the Indigenous peoples of this land, the oldest continuing cultures in human history.	Imagine if you had used some of that time to invent weapons above the level of spear. Then maybe <i>you'd</i> be apologising to <i>us</i> right now.	\$0.0 million for oldest continuing cultures in human history to continue
We reflect on their past mistreatment.	That's a tough break, man.	\$0.0 million for reflection
We reflect in particular on the mistreatment of those who were Stolen Generations—this blemished chapter in our nation's history.	We haven't totally finished going through it all, but the other chapters in our history seem pretty much fine.	\$14.95 for Olay Total Effects Blemish Prone Skin Daily Cleanser (100g)
The time has now come for the nation to turn a new page in Australia's history by righting the wrongs of the past and so moving forward with confidence to the future.	"Righting wrongs" refers exclusively to this speech. Enjoy the next three minutes.	\$0.0 million for turning, righting and moving
We apologise for the laws and policies of successive Parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians.	Shout-outs to Labor icons James McGowen, W. A. Holman, William McKell, Phillip Collier and John C. Willcock.	\$0.0 million for inquiry into difference between a state and a federal government
We apologise especially for the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, their communities and their country.	One or two of them were apparently deported. With hindsight, we concede that this was going too far.	\$35.5 million for improving computer systems at airports
For the pain, suffering and hurt of these Stolen Generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry.	There it is. Sorry. You heard me. Problem solved. Before you leave, why not consider visiting some of Canberra's other fine landmarks?	\$0.0 million for The National Apology
To the mothers and the fathers, the brothers and the sisters, for the breaking up of families and communities, we say sorry.	Fathers be good to your daughters, daughters will love like you do. Girls become lovers, who turn into mothers, so mothers be good to your daughters too.	\$1.69 for John Mayer download at iTunes Store
And for the indignity and degradation thus inflicted on a proud people and a proud culture, we say sorry.	That's three times. Is that better? Do you feel better Mister Grumpyface? Now let's see a smile.	<i>Funding for pride contingent on asking nicely</i>
We the Parliament of Australia respectfully request that this apology be received in the spirit in which it is offered as part of the healing of the nation.	That means no compo. We cannot stress this enough.	\$25,000 for legal advice on wording of apology
For the future we take heart; resolving that this new page in the history of our great continent can now be written.	This guy reckons he's Banjo fucking Paterson.	\$0.0 million for colt from Old Regret
We today take this first step by acknowledging the past and laying claim to a future that embraces all Australians.	That's all Australians, the good guys <i>and</i> the bad guys.	\$0.0 million for stepping and laying
A future where this Parliament resolves that the injustices of the past must never, never happen again.	Sheesh, you try to do someone a favour. Well we're not making <i>that</i> mistake again. Raise your own damn kids.	\$0.0 million for not doing it ever again (fully costed)
A future where we harness the determination of all Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to close the gap that lies between us in life expectancy, educational achievement and economic opportunity.	I'm talking about an education revolution. We can't throw fresh ideas out the back door. (With thumb-over-shoulder gesture)	\$0.0 million for harnessing everyone's determination to solve their own problems (fully costed)
A future where we embrace the possibility of new solutions to enduring problems where old approaches have failed.	Let's hug it out.	\$0.0 million for embrace
A future based on mutual respect, mutual resolve and mutual responsibility.	That's right, mutual responsibility. You're going to have to write the next apology yourselves.	50c to call someone who cares next time
A future where all Australians, whatever their origins, are truly equal partners, with equal opportunities and with an equal stake in shaping the next chapter in the history of this great country, Australia.	This section brought to you by Equal® — Introducing Equal Flavoured Sweetener for coffee and tea, combining your favourite sweetener with delicious vanilla, lemon or peach flavour.	\$235.6 billion for all Australians