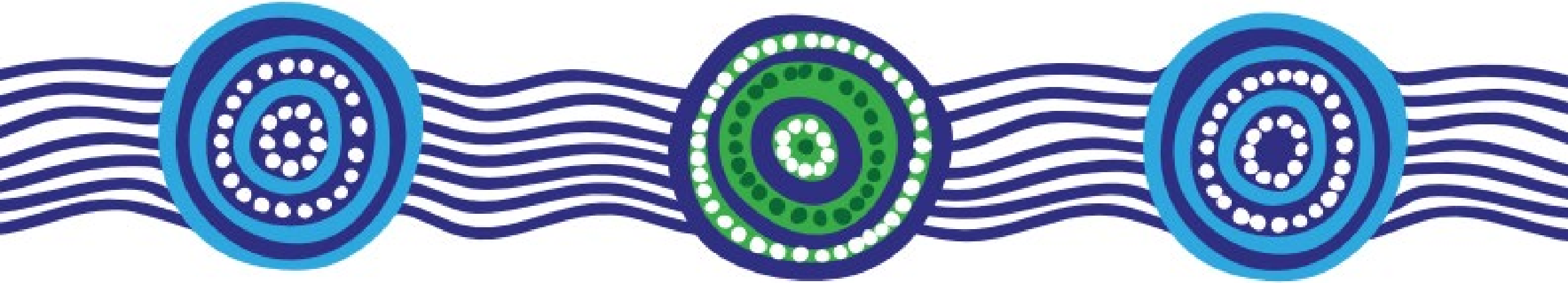


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'While the policies and suffering of the Stolen Generations is only one part of the ongoing story of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people it is an essential one to learn as part of developing a full understanding of the history of Australia'

Ian Hamm

2018

17,150
survivors

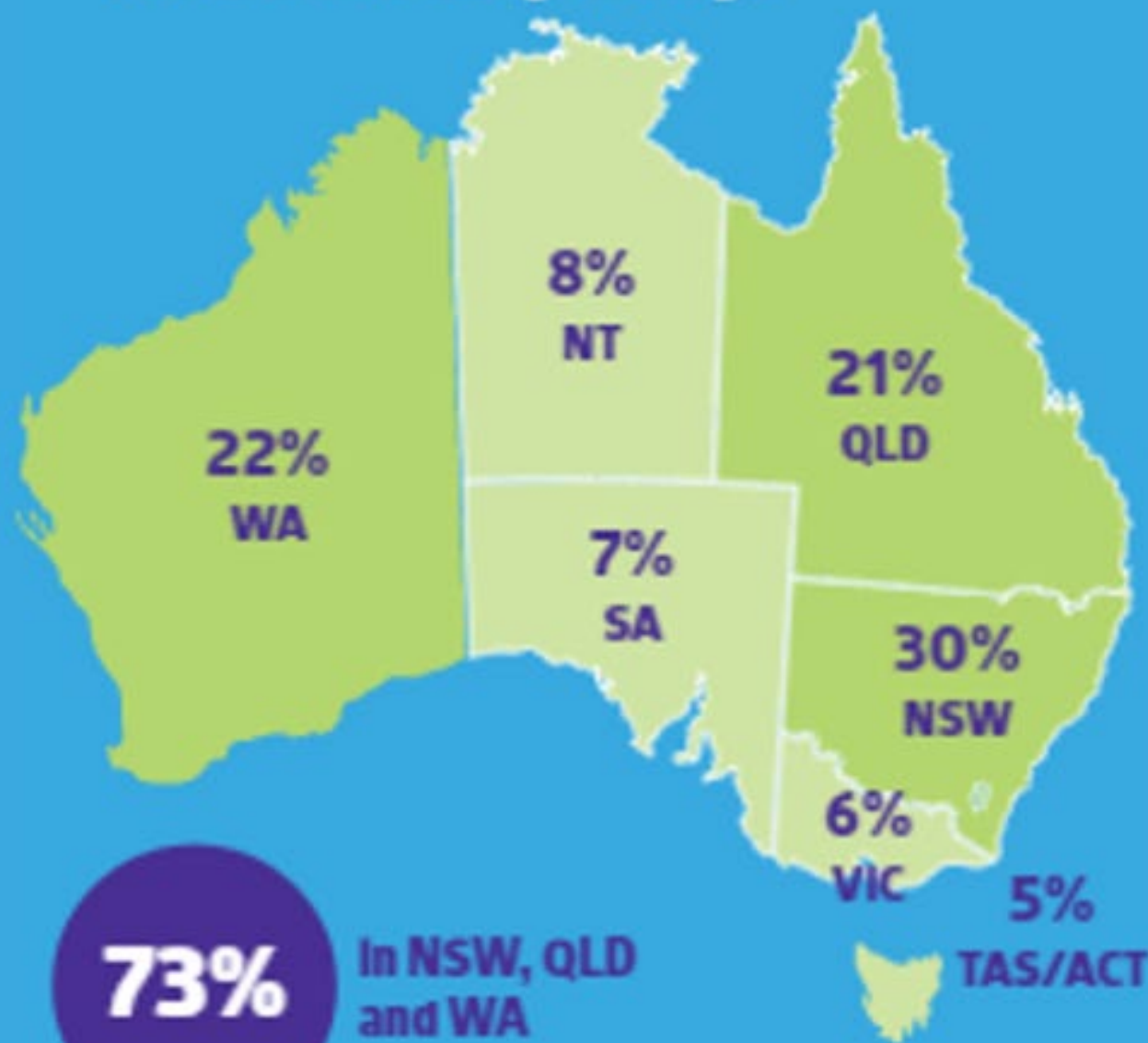
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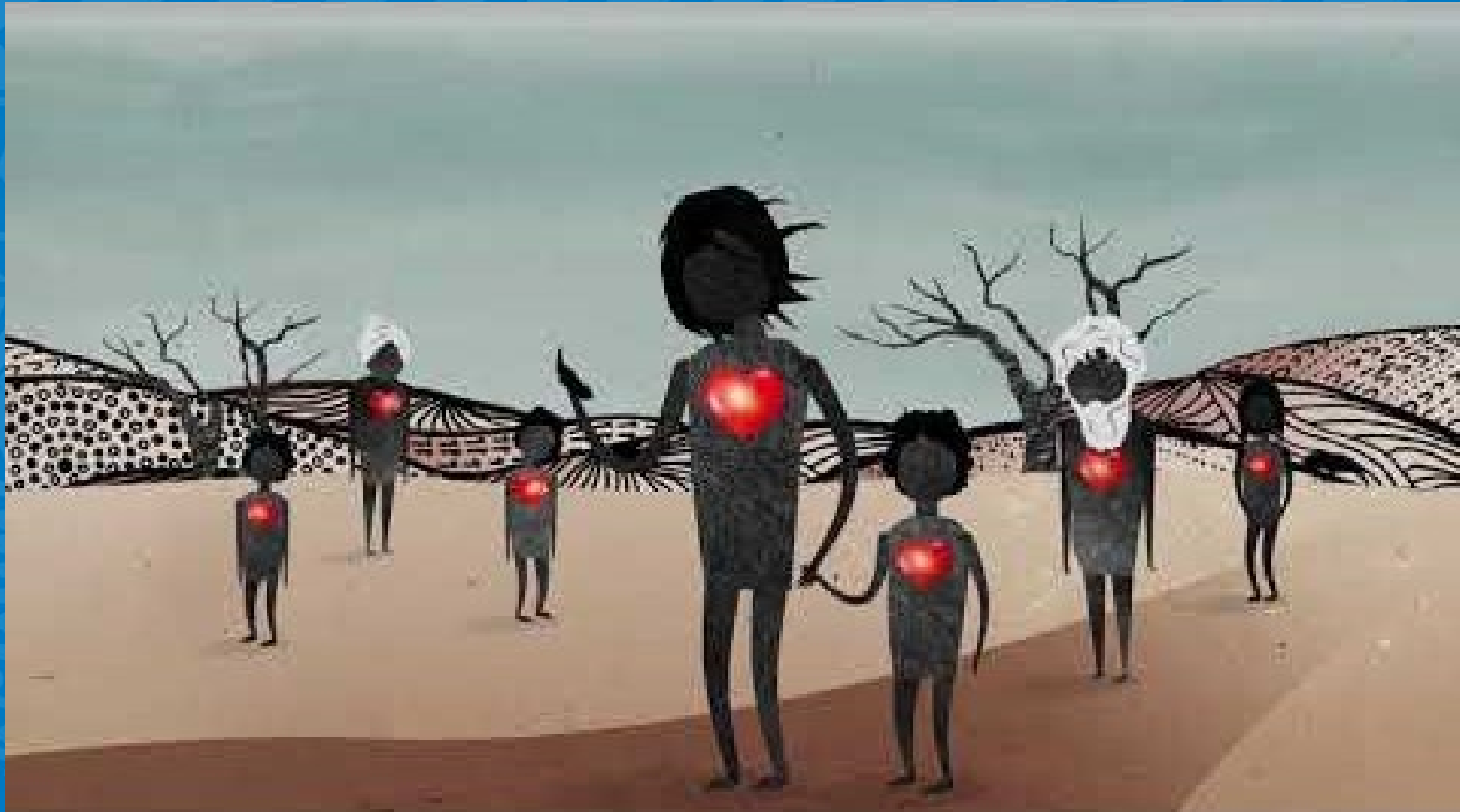
of Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander people born before 1972
were removed from their families

- Western Australia 24%
- South Australia 16%
- Other Jurisdictions 11-13%



Where are they today?











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Queensland Healing Strategy



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QUEENSLAND HEALING STRATEGY

Our priorities



Tell the truth

Truth being denied, not listened to or respected is one of the great challenges of healing.

(Brisbane online submission)



Stop the Trauma

These actions have been done too many times. They have to stop – and have to stop now.

(Cherbourg Domas Yarning Circle)



Heal through culture

Our cultural knowledge was not taken but it was suppressed. We still hold it, it just needs to be restored. We sit and listen to elders, family and Country. We trust each other and share the worry we carry.

(St George Elders & Goondir Yarning Circle)



Communities decide

We should own our own healing. Give us proper self-determination – not a place where they can over-ride it.

(Gold Coast community members)



Walk alongside

We Elders know the westernised world needs to understand our way of doing things. White mob needs to fit in with us, not us with them.

(Masig Island Healing Forum)

The journey must begin by...



- Truth telling: for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to understand the origin of their trauma
- Truth telling: as a foundation for healing and reconciliation and to address racism
- Taking urgent action to prioritise the specific and complex needs of Stolen Generations survivors



- Policy and practice recognises the prevalence of trauma and the ongoing systemic disadvantage faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Embedding trauma aware and healing informed care
- Providing the tools, frameworks and resources for communities to be in charge of their own collective healing
- Addressing institutional racism and locating healing in places where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experience re-traumatisation such as hospitals, schools, prisons and youth detention centres



- Connecting and reconnecting with family, community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures
- Restoring cultural practices, ceremony, language, art and culture
- Resolving land access issues (because sites of significance cannot be accessed)
- Making places and spaces for healing available to communities and establishing healing support networks
- Supporting Elders and cultural knowledge holders to lead culture and healing
- Strong positive identity and pride in our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and cultures



- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people deciding
- Communities collectively make decisions about healing
- Having a strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healing leadership, champions, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations are healing informed and healing is a recognised and valued workforce skill
- Offering a diversity of approaches for different people
- Vesting control and power with community



- Listening to and building on existing community strengths – not applying one size fits all solutions
- Enabling local decision making and flexibility
- Respectfully providing resourcing and support for community-driven initiatives
- Genuinely collaborating and co-designing
- Valuing, honouring and investing in solutions that are based on 60,000 years of cultural wisdoms

The impact will be...



We have a shared understanding of history and wrongs are righted

Aboriginal people working their way through and dealing with past and present trauma lays the groundwork for healing through true reconciliation.

(Townsville online submission)



Systems and services are trauma aware and healing informed

The biggest priority for our community is to heal the Spirit of those who continue to suffer intergenerational trauma within a holistic model of health and wellbeing whole-of-person care.

(Indigenous Wellbeing Centre, Bundaberg)



The elements of our Culture which keep us safe and well are restored

Healthy community with connectedness to Country, family and spirit.

(Mitchell online submission)



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities are in charge of our own

The most important change that needs to happen to help our community heal is for us to be the determiners of our future, for our communities, for our families, for ourselves.

(Brisbane online submission)





Shared responsibility and accountability for healing actions and outcomes defined by community

Government needs to let us mob lead the way.

(Cairns Yarning Circle)





Working with Stolen Generations fact sheets




**Working with the Stolen Generations:
understanding trauma**



Providing effective GP services to Stolen Generations survivors



**Working with the Stolen Generations:
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Providing effective dental services to Stolen Generations survivors

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**Working with the Stolen Generations:
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Providing effective aged care services to Stolen Generations survivors

How you can help

- Join the conversation and be a voice for change for Stolen Generations survivors and their descendants.
- Promote awareness.
- Develop a stronger understanding of the urgent needs of all First Nations Peoples.
- Embed trauma-aware, healing-informed practice at every opportunity.

Q&A

- Any questions?

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