

On 13 February 2008, the then Australian Prime Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP, moved in the Australian Parliament a motion of Apology to Australia's Indigenous peoples, in particular the Stolen Generations, for past mistreatment and injustices.

The Apology was deeply felt by both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians and helped to build a bridge of respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

The Australian Government is working towards recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their culture and languages in Australia's Constitution, as a significant step towards building a nation based on strong relationships and mutual respect, which recognises the unique and special place of our Indigenous peoples. *

Australian governments at all levels are working to close the gap in the education, health, housing and employment sectors where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander outcomes are well below the Australian average.



Fabric printer Rosie Ware from Thursday Island takes inspiration from the strength of Torres Strait culture, her island surroundings and the sea, and promotes Torres Strait art and crafts to visitors to her island home. Rosie sells her own work from her studio: rosiewaredesigns.com

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