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Canberra, August 12 (RHC)-- The Australian government has agreed to pay some \$280 million in reparations to Indigenous people who were forcibly separated from their families as children.

From the early 1900s to 1970s, over 100,000 Indigenous children were ripped from their families and communities — known as the “stolen generation” — and sent to so-called boarding schools as the Australian government enforced a program aimed at eradicating Indigenous culture.

While some Indigenous advocates welcomed reparations, they fear history is repeating itself as Indigenous children are still far more likely to be removed from their homes and placed under state custody than non-Indigenous children in Australia.

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