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Certifies the inscription of

Sorry Books

held by

*Australian Institute of Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Studies*

on the Australian Memory of the World Register

16 August 2004

Saturday, 10. April 1861
... was held this day, at the Chambers
... in Lincoln's Inn, ...



UNESCO *Australian Memory of the World* Presentation Ceremony

State Library of Victoria

10 August 2004

Collection item being inscribed on the

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Sorry Books

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), Canberra

The collection of 461 Sorry Books has powerful historical and social significance as the personal responses of hundreds of thousands of Australians to the unfolding history of the Stolen Generations. Many more Sorry Books dating from the 1998 campaign are yet to be located, but it is estimated that the entire movement generated perhaps half a million signatures. This represents a 'people's apology' for past wrongs to Indigenous Australians, and a vast public expression of opposition to Government refusal to make a formal apology.