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MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL APOLOGY

Minister for the Arts, Peter Garrett, today joined GetUp Executive Director, Brett Solomon, and musician Kev Carmody, to launch a musical celebration of February's apology to the Stolen Generations.

The new version of the Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody classic '*From Little Things Big Things Grow*' features artists including Carmody, Kelly, Urthboy, Missy Higgins as well as the voices of Prime Minister Rudd delivering the apology and former Prime Minister Keating's Redfern speech.

"February's apology to the Stolen Generations was a turning point in this nation's history, and the rework of this song to celebrate that momentous day, is a fitting commemoration of that event.

"'*From Little Things Big Things Grow*' is an emblematic tune capturing the spirit of the story of Vincent Lingiari and the Wave Hill Walk-Off. It captures the struggle for reconciliation while celebrating the power of people to make a difference in the face of injustice.

"This reworking of the song, incorporating some of those turning points in Indigenous relations like former Prime Minister Keating's Redfern speech and Prime Minister Rudd's apology, reminds us of the journey past and the challenges ahead.

"Music so often reflects and responds to the politics of the moment, at its best creating a soundtrack for our times. This version of this amazing song will, I am sure, be enjoyed by many as a record of that day in February.

"My congratulations to all those involved in putting this and the powerful accompanying video clip together."