How has life changed for Aboriginal people over the last 100 years?

Since white people came to Australia, Aborigines have always been treated badly. It will not be much now.

Some people used to refer to them as dirty Aboriginal people had to be washed, died and checked for lice just to go to their local pool. After they did this they were only allowed in a small area of the pool and they could only go on one day.

Albert Namatjira was a famous Aboriginal artist. He lived in a house in Alice Springs. He was only in the city by sunset. The laws said that he couldn't share a meal with his family. But Aboriginal laws said he had to share. He was stuck.

Sally Morgan went to school with white children. The other children would call her names and tease her about her race. Her mother told her to tell them that they were Indian and they managed to convince some people.

At school you could be German, Dutch, anything but Aboriginal.

All the time I can say that life has changed for Aboriginal people. There are many new laws such as the racial discrimination act and the racial hatred act. You can now (in some cases) get prosecuted for being racist. Especially if you think they have witnesses.

We've all learnt a lot from the Aborigines and I think we owe it to them to say not only that we're sorry but that it's not our country, it's their's too. It's all of ours. We are one.

As Sally Morgan would say: If people could just accept us, know that we have the same human emotions and feelings as everyone else on earth.

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