## **Aboriginal Spirituality**

## **Separation from land**

- **Kinship**: (groups defined by boarded land)
- **Dreaming**: (communicated through stories, rituals, sacred sites and ceremonies which link ancestors and spiritual and land)
- **Identity**: (roles within community, links to how the interact with the land —> rituals, using land for resources for survival)
- Sacred sites: (made up of land forms)
- Language: (barriers)
- Food and water sources: (physical survival)
- Family: (separation)Specific examples.

## **Stolen generations**

- Loss of traditions which here passed from elders
- Forbidden to speak language
- Loss of understanding of Dreaming
- Could not fulfil ritual responsibilities.

Wik (1996)	Mabo (1992)	Native Title (1993)
<ul> <li>Rights could coexist with pastoral lease</li> <li>Pastoralists prevail</li> <li>Led to Amendment to the Native Title.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Removed the term 'Terra Nullis'</li> <li>Land Rights recognition</li> <li>Introduced Native Title.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognises the right of Aboriginal People to their land</li> <li>Must prove the connection prior to European Settlement</li> <li>Rock art.</li> <li>Traditional ongoing connection.</li> </ul>