

# Parliamentary Apology for Past Adoption Practices, Parliament of Victoria

25 October 2012 – 25 October 2012

## Details

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On 25 October 2012 at 11.30 am, the Premier of Victoria, Ted Baillieu, Opposition leader Daniel Andrews and Nationals leader Peter Ryan addressed a joint sitting of the Victorian Parliament to apologise officially to all those who were affected by the forced adoption practices in the state between the 1950s and the 1970s.

The Apology was an outcome of the Federal Senate Inquiry into forced adoption practices, which found that up to 250,000 babies were forcibly removed from their predominantly young mothers.

## Gallery

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### "Cherished Mother and Child" Memorial to the victims of forced adoption

**Description:** This is an image of the memorial titled "Cherished Mother and Child" that was created to commemorate the victims of forced adoption in Australia. The memorial is a sculpture of a mother holding her newborn child, which is set on a plinth in a bed of flowers. It was unveiled to mark the anniversary of the National Parliamentary apology given to the victims of forced adoption by Prime Minister Julia Gillard on 21 March 2013, and also acknowledges the apology delivered in the Victorian Parliament on 25 October 2012. The memorial was unveiled in Victoria Park, Sale, Victoria, on 17 March 2017.

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## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Related Events

- [Inquiry into Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices, Commonwealth of Australia \(2011 - 2012\)](#)

#### Related Concepts

- [Adoption in Victoria \(c. 1928 - current\)](#)
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