

# National Apology for Forced Adoptions, Parliament of Australia

21 March 2013 – 21 March 2013

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## Details

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On 21 March 2013, the Prime Minister Julia Gillard apologised on behalf of the Australian Government to people affected by forced adoption or removal policies and practices. The national apology was delivered in the Great Hall of Parliament House, Canberra.

## Gallery

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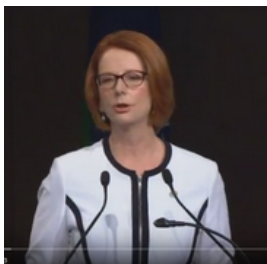
### "Cherished Mother and Child" Memorial to the victims of forced adoption

**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.



### People sit in the audience for the national apology to victims of forced adoptions

**Description:** This is a copy of an image that was published on ABC News in a report about the apology for forced adoptions.



### The National Apology for Forced Adoptions - Prime Minister Julia Gillard

**Description:** This is a link to a video on the Julia Gillard YouTube channel of the national apology for forced adoptions.

## 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 Glossary Terms

- [Forced Adoption \(c. 1940 - c. 1970\)](#)

## Related Concepts

- [Adoption in the Australian Capital Territory \(1938 - current\)](#)
- [Adoption in New South Wales \(c. 1923 - current\)](#)

# Resources

- Senate Community Affairs References Committee, [Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices](#), 29 February 2012
  - Olsson, Kristina, *All the lost children*, The Weekend Australian Magazine, 30 March 2013
  - Gillard, The Hon Julia, [National Apology for Forced Adoptions](#), 21 March 2013
  - No date
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