

## RESULTS

*Thank you to all CLAN members that have answered this survey on the Federal Apology.*

### PLEASE NOTE:

*Respondents have made multiple choices with some questions and some questions were left unanswered*

<b>Question</b>	<b>Option</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>%</b>
What should the apology say?	1. Acknowledge the wrong done and state the offences against children?	136	77
	2. Accept responsibility for the wrongs done?	112	63
	3. Express sincere regret and deep remorse	86	49
	4. Promise that it will never happen again to children in 'care'	81	46
	5. Promise to provide services and support to help the healing process	117	66
Who should deliver the apology?	1. Prime Minister	125	70
	2. Prime Minister and Leader of Opposition	113	64
	3. Minister for Families	41	23
	4. Heads of Churches and Charities	108	61
Where the apology should be delivered?	1. Parliament House	142	80
	2. Old Parliament House	22	12
	3. National Museum	10	6
How should Forgotten Australians or Care Leavers be involved on the day?	1. Representatives of 'care' leavers should sit in the chosen venue	108	61
	2. As many as possible should gather at a large venue(s) with video access	125	71

	3. National video screening in public places	124	70
	4. Representative should be invited to make a response to the apology speech	124	70
	5. A celebratory event to follow immediately after the apology	82	46
Should family members be invited to take part?	1. Yes	156	88
	2. No	21	12
What support would you need to take part in the event on the day?	1. Cheap buses to Canberra	114	64
	2. Help with overnight accommodation	123	69
	3. Counselling services available	82	46
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>178 Surveys</b>	

## Extended/Other responses

### *What should the apology say?*

- National redress by Federal Government/compensation in ALL states
- Acknowledge offences and accept responsibility
- Funding for people still suffering
- Apologise for a lifetime of hardship
- Apologise for those who weren't state wards or destitute but still taken
- Include register of names, state ward number, institutions
- Payment of wages- as children worked as slave labour
- Don't differentiate between child migrants and forgotten Australians
- Include sexual abuse, solitary confinement for punishment, slave labour, no education, medication/drug abuse
- Recognition of emotional trauma caused to parents
- List names of offences accused
- Admit it was a bad decision to employ deviants
- Apologise to extended families as they have been affected by the abuse
- Compensate for harm done to defenceless children
- Provide services of education and dental care as it was not provided as children
- Admit dug and electric shock treatment by psychiatrists as a part of eugenic program on children.
- Today their voices were heard and the nation could no longer be silent. Today, yesterday's children are on the stage to sing 'Advanced Australia Fair'
- Mention compensation, education, documentary, criminal assault, torture, religious brainwashing, psychological abuse, scarred for life, paedophile culture
- Believe in what trained social workers wrote in reports of children who were fostered out as they weren't accepted
- Time doesn't diminish great evil of institutions
- We believe you
- Should include foster kids
- Child rape is not the same as child sexual assault; this term downgrades the seriousness of the crime
- Human services and social workers should be trained to understand and ensure it will never happen to future generations
- Departments that have destroyed records and logs books proving victim's cases to be fully compensated as lawyers state records have been destroyed
- Acknowledge society's role in putting victims down and 'labelling' children
- A sincere apology
- Acknowledge the 'taking of precious, innocent lives'
- Acknowledge the shameful family separation
- Implement measure to prevent church run institutions and Salvation Army from denying access to records.
- 'Sorry' – and make it heart felt/"Words are not enough"
- Acknowledge how care leavers missed out on a childhood, missed out on their own family, and their own life
- Care providers should admit guilt
- Apologise to mothers whose children were taken away/Apologise to family members

***Who should deliver the apology?***

- Legacy and St Vincent De Paul
- Queen and Police Commissioner
- A staff representative in each and every institution where children were placed in care. In my case this would be St Anthony's Croydon, Red Cross Junior Children's Home Cronulla, St Michael's Boys' Home Baulkham Hills, and St Vincent's Boys' Home Westmead. And each of these apologies should be published on a federal government-established and publicized website for all to see
- Irish PM
- The poor sisters of Nazareth
- All state and territory premiers and welfare and health ministers from labour and liberal parties
- Representatives from DHS/Salvation Army/Churches that ran homes should be invited to hear about wrongdoings by their predecessors

***Where the apology should be delivered?***

- Penrith/Lithgow area as lots of CLAN members live there
- Olympic stadium
- Melbourne Parliament House
- Opera House
- Parliament house in each state
- Kevin Rudd's house
- Sydney Botanical Gardens
- Sydney
- CLAN museum
- Front of Nazareth Boys, Sebastopol, Victoria
- Ethihad stadium, Melbourne
- Steps of Parliament House
- A suitable marquee to be provided within seating grounds of Parliament House
- Forgotten Australians to be given first preference in seating – families and friends can remain standing
- Gardens of #1

***How should Forgotten Australians/Care Leavers be involved?***

- Those present can release a multi-coloured balloons to represent the children affected
- CLAN members from as many institutions should be present
- CLAN founders and families should be present
- Media
- Free DVD of apology
- All members of house should stand for 1 minute of silence for contemplating the 'death of childhood'
- A special day in the year dedicated to 'child abuse day'
- Victim's names on apology
- Representatives from larger state/church run institution and homes should be invited to attend
- A certificate of attendance
- Morning tea
- This is not a celebratory day – it is a day of remembrance and mourning
- A written letter of apology

***What support would you need?***

- Quality transport and accommodation
- Apology should be at a suitable time – due to time differences in different states
- What about those who cannot leave home?
- Permission to be excluded from job networks and requirements to attend
- Some may need same day return as some cannot stay overnight
- Somewhere quiet to go afterwards
- Counsellors should be allowed to attend
- Childcare
- A smoker's area
- Free parking
- Free counselling
- Accommodation for 4 days
- Each person to get memorial parchment of apology and DVD of event – especially for those unable to attend
- Copy of the speech
- Special commemorative stamp
- A special website dedicated to federal apology
- Copy of records
- Provide gold health care card as per legacy
- Cheap airfares from Tasmania
- Reimburse travelling and accommodation expenses
- Disability access
- Each care leaver should get a written and signed statement of apology
- Issue a written apology to direct families who go or have gone through the struggles being raised by parent/s who have been traumatised
- Government assistance for families to attend.
- A wake for all children who were murdered or disappeared and for those adults who have died after leaving 'care'
- All travel and accommodation expenses should be free regardless of budgets