

Apology for the Removal of Children from Unmarried Mothers, Parliament of Western Australia

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Details

The Parliament of Western Australia formally apologised for the 'Removal of Children from Unmarried Mothers' in 2010. It was the first Australian parliament to do so. The Parliament, on behalf of previous governments, apologised to 'the mothers, their children and the families who were adversely affected by these past adoption practices'. The apology was heard by a large number of those mothers and families in the public gallery.

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