

# Media Release

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### **NATIONAL APOLOGY TO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF INSTITUTIONAL CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

The Federal Government has today delivered a National Apology to victims and survivors of institutional child sexual abuse.

Federal Member for Mallee Andrew Broad said the National Apology was extremely important to acknowledge and apologise for the appalling way children were abused by those who were supposed to care for them.

“Today the National Apology has paid tribute to the victims and survivors of institutional child sexual abuse. Throughout the duration of the Royal Commission we have heard many stories of those who had to live through this unthinkable treatment, it is extremely important that as a Government we acknowledge these wrong doings and ensure this is never repeated again,” Mr Broad said.

“It is not an apology for which we wish to be forgiven, it’s an apology to honour those who endured those disgusting acts and crimes, from victims to parents and husbands, wives and children – we are incredibly sorry.”

Large crowds of Australians, including victims and survivors of institutional child sexual abuse attended Parliament House today to hear the apology from Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

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