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Mr Raphael Ellul
REDACTED

Dear Mr Ellul

On behalf of the Government of Western Australia we are pleased that you have accepted an ex-gratia payment following your application to the Redress WA scheme.

As Premier and Minister, we acknowledge the difficult and painful process of sharing your story through the Redress WA process.

As you would be aware, the Australian Government took the important step in November 2009 of offering a national apology to Forgotten Australians and former child migrants in recognising the hurt that was suffered while in care. The State Government fully supported this national apology.

On behalf of the State Government, we extend to you our sincere apology.

While your experiences as a child in care can never be erased, we hope that the recognition of the abuse and neglect suffered during your time in care will play an important part in the healing process.

If you feel the need to talk to someone about your experiences, we encourage you to make the most of the support services that are available to you as part of this scheme, via the Redress WA helpline on 1800 617 233.

Yours sincerely

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PREMIER

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