



Department of
Communities

Reference: RSC/04992

16 October 2008

Mr Joseph Kiernan

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Letter of Offer – Level 1 Payment

Dear Mr Kiernan

I refer to your application for an ex-gratia payment under the Redress Scheme for former residents of Queensland children's institutions, and am pleased to advise that you have been approved as eligible for a Level 1 payment through this Scheme.

Attached is the Deed of Release which needs to be signed by you and your chosen legal representative for you to receive this payment. This Deed releases and indemnifies the State from any current or future legal claims.

To assist you in obtaining legal advice prior to signing the Deed, I have attached a list of legal representatives provided by the Queensland Law Society. These legal representatives specialise in personal injury and have indicated they will provide legal advice on request from eligible applicants at a set fee of up to \$550 (including GST). The Department of Communities will pay this fee directly to the lawyer you choose.

I encourage you to choose from this list, or engage any other legal representative who will accept up to the set fee, to provide you with legal advice before signing the Deed of Release.

It is important to note that this financial assistance for legal advice will be provided only once. Should you choose to seek legal advice on more than one occasion, you will need to meet the costs of each subsequent appointment.

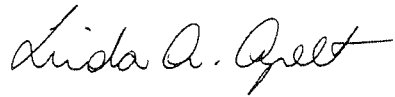
If you wish to receive the Level 1 payment, there are a number of steps which will need to be completed. Attached is a 'Payment Offer Kit', which explains in detail the procedures which you need to follow to receive the payment.

If you would like a copy of your Redress Scheme application and accompanying documents please contact Redress Services on the number below.

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If you have any questions in relation to this matter please call the Redress Scheme Information Line on 1300 769 291 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm excluding public holidays) quoting reference number RSC/04992.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda A. Apelt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Linda A Apelt
Director-General

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