SUGGESTED TEXT FOR ANNUALISATION LETTER

Tēnā koe Prime Minister

Annualisation of the National Day of Reflection

I am writing to seek your support in making the 12 November, an annual National Day of Reflection, marking the Government ‘s apology to survivors of abuse in care.

As survivor advocates noted last year, many survivors expected the National Day of Reflection to be an enduring event. Recognition and remembrance of what the Royal Commission of Inquiry heard from survivors cannot be a one-off act, it needs to be part of an ongoing process of justice, healing, and prevention.

Marking an annual Day of Reflection is a practical step that would strengthen trust, maintain visibility and awareness, and continue to support healing and keep ongoing system reform on the agenda. It sets a time each year to take stock, reflect, pause and ensure the work continues. It is also a chance to put in place an ongoing commitment to a cross-party approach.

We strongly urge you to continue the effort that you initiated last year.

Ngā mihi,