



# Care Leavers Australia Network

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## Media Release

### NSW Care Leavers Call for Justice & Redress

Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) is a support and advocacy network for all people who grew up in the 600+ orphanages, children's Homes, foster homes and other institutions Australia once had.

CLAN calls on the Labor, Liberal and Greens Parties to set up a Compensation/Redress scheme for all NSW Care Leavers that grew up in NSW's orphanages, children's Homes and foster homes.

The Western Australian, Queensland and Tasmanian governments have recognised and acknowledged the damage, neglect and abuse to their Care Leavers and have set up Redress schemes.

The inequity and injustice between state Redress schemes has been highlighted in the recently released Senate Inquiry Report into the Review of Government Compensation Payments (December, 2010). This has been acknowledged in **Recommendation 3, 2.94**, which states that the;

***“New South Wales and Victorian Governments establish administrative schemes to provide redress to people who experienced abuse or neglect while in institutional or foster care in those states.”***

Furthermore CLAN President, Jim Luthy, states;

***“Care Leavers have been forgotten by the NSW Labor, Liberal and Greens Parties for too long. The time is now for NSW to accept that Redress is not an option it's their responsibility. Justice is long overdue for NSW Care Leavers.”***

With the NSW election to be held in March, CLAN is urging all political parties to commit to this social justice issue and to end the discrimination that exists among Australian Care Leavers.

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