



WHY

DO

WE

PROTEST?

LOOK INSIDE FOR THE ANSWERS



Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) is a national support and advocacy network for people that grew up in the 600+ orphanages, Children's Homes, foster care and missions around Australia.

Children who were raised in orphanages, Children's Homes, and other institutions run by the Government, Churches and Charities.

Children in Homes suffered these indignities and the denial of their Basic Human Rights!

Floggings	Standing on spot for hours
Suffered humiliation	Children were stripped searched
Beltings for bed wetting	Children were internally examined!
Neglected	Forced to eat food
Child labour	No talking at mealtimes
Minimal education	No shoes at some orphanages
Called by a number	Constantly told they were good for nothing
Lost their families	Told they were evil, the Devil's child, we came from the gutter and would end up in the gutter
Told their parents were dead	Children were an unpaid workforce
Lack of love and affection	Never allowed to be children
Denied food	Depersonalisation and psychological abuse
Had their names changed	Loss of personal belongings and clothes
Made to eat their own vomit	Separation from their brothers and sisters
Lost their childhoods	Locked in cupboards and cellars
Sexually used	
Put into isolation	
Lacked privacy	
Beatings with straps, canes, cricket bats, bunches of keys and fists	

**WA, QLD AND TAS HAVE REDRESS SCHEMES
BUT THE OTHER STATES HAVE NO REDRESS
SCHEMES FOR AUSTRALIAN CARE
LEAVERS/F.A'S**



**WHY DO VIC, NSW & SA
CONTINUE TO DISCRIMINATE?**

REDRESS AND COMPENSATION SCHEMES ARE ESTABLISHED IN:

TASMANIA

Tasmania established a Redress scheme in 2003 after an independent review by the Tasmanian Ombudsman from adults claiming they suffered abused while in state care. The Tasmanian Government established that the scheme will be open-ended with a maximum payment up to \$35,000.

QUEENSLAND

In 2007 the Queensland Government established a Redress scheme with funding of up to \$100 million providing ex-gratia payments between \$7,000 and \$40,000. After making an application for Redress, applicants were required to sign a deed of release preventing applicants to make further claims against the Queensland Government regarding their abuse or neglect. The scheme did not apply to people who experienced abuse or neglect while in foster care or in institutions which did not fall within the scope of the Forde Inquiry.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

In late 2007 the Western Australian Government announced the establishment of the \$114 million Redress scheme to provide adults who, as children, were abused or neglected in state care in Western Australia. The WA Redress scheme also included access to counselling services, an ex gratia payments and an apology. When Western Australia was under the labor government, the maximum payment under the scheme was to be \$80,000 but was reduced significantly to \$45,000 when the liberal government came into power.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

.A victims of crime compensation was introduced in 2009 the South Australian Government announced that ex gratia payments would be made to people that suffered sexual abuse as a child while in state care. As of yet there is no closing date and the payments range depending on the severity with a maximum payment of \$50,000 for 'exceptional circumstances'

WHY ARE VICTORIAN AND NEW SOUTH WALES CARE LEAVERS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST?

**YOU CAN CONTACT THE PREMIER OF THE STATE
WHERE YOU WERE RAISED TO ADDRESS JUSTICE AND
REDRESS ISSUES. ASK EACH PREMIER WHEN WILL
CARE LEAVERS/FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS BE
TREATED WITH EQUITY AND JUSTICE?**

**ASK EACH PREMIER WHEN WILL CARE LEAVERS HAVE
JUSTICE AND REDRESS?**

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