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**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, 30 January 2015 11:23 PM  
**To:** redress  
**Subject:** Community Input for Suggested Regress on National Abuse

Sir

My name is Clayton Rogers. I am a resident of the Westbrook community (outside Toowoomba, Qld). Our community was home to the notoriously violent Westbrook Boys Home (a State run facility for Boys). During the 1950 - 1965 period there was systematic, violent, abuse that changed young boys to violent men.

Some reports have been completed over the last 15 years but I think this has done little to help the survivors. As a community resident I have personally meant some of these survivors and heard their stories. Much of which as made me cry at night. I am a married man with two young boys and can not fathom how as a State anyone would think it appropriate to place boys in Institutions like Westbrook Boys Home.

I have spoken to some of these survivors and felt it appropriate to apologize to them on behalf of the community for our lack of resolve, our indifference and our apathy. The current State of Qld has subsequently closed off the old Westbrook Boys and sold the facilities to private developers.

Over the years I have spoken with the survivors I wish I had more resolve, strength, determination, funding, and facilities to welcome the survivors back to Westbrook. Our community, our image, our identity has been shaken to the core, and Westbrook (as an Institution) is listed at the apex of atrocities in this nation.

I would like to consider that at least a memorial, a place of remembrance, a place to reflect, and honour the survivors be considered in Westbrook. We can not hide behind our reports, our legal system, our past as a way to get away from our failings as a nation.

I would suggest that memorials and remembrance days and remembrance occasions (with past survivors) be provided at locations, cities, and communities.

Thankyou to your staff and team for the courage to tackle what many others have failed to do - to right the wrongs of previous injustices and to actively recompense the survivors.

Thank you

Clayton Rogers

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 March 2015 8:32 PM  
**To:** redress  
**Subject:** Recognition of the State Run Westbrook Boys Home

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Thankyou for the links and reports of the Redress.

I have had a chance to look through the Report and admire your team for tackling this enormously difficult and challenging investigation.

I live in Westbrook and know that the *Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions* completed 1999 by the then Honourable Anna Bligh, and the *Schwarten Report* of 1961 listed the Westbrook Farm Home for Boys as one of Qld's worst Institutions.

After reading through the Redress Report I am having difficulty finding specific information or redress for those that have been through this terrible place. Just wondering if there is specific information or details available for the thousands of young boys that went through this terrible place. I personally know of several men that are still alive that bear the scars of the flogging they received. While I am no way related to these men I feel much can be done to remember, to recompense the men, and to take measures to remember "The Forgotten Generation".

While I understand the huge amount of information, interviews and national investigations needed for this - I ask that due consideration be given to this institution at Westbrook. While the State of Qld sold off the facilities to private investors in 2012, [REDACTED] - I still believe due diligence is needed in recognizing this Institution.

I thankyou for your consideration in this.

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