

To whom it may concern

My name is Leslie Roy Cameron

I grew up as a ward of the State in the State of QLD.  
The place was called The Margaret Marr Memorial Home for young boys  
Our age at the time was approximately 5 or 6 my brother and me 7 or near 8  
We both had chronic asthma which there is no known cure yet; however  
My brother passed away from the Disease on Dec, the 14th 1966 the day  
Before my birthday the 15th. at the Royal Children's Hospital Brisbane  
We were separated from our sister Heather who stayed at Nicklin home at Aspley.  
I don't know why they never told us. We got to see each other on picnics and  
sometimes on Sundays  
For punishment a Mr Swain's wife who was meant to be looking after us used to take  
Geoff's puffer of him. which was really cruel  
We both were made to do excess exercise and work at times and this made  
It worse we were also called names  
I was assaulted a few times over the period of 9 years whilst in the care  
Of the QLD government and the Methodist Church employees who were  
In charge at the time, the last couple of years my nerves begun to go  
And I became very depressed. In 1973 I found out from my shy doctor  
And landord that I had a mental illness and to this day I still take medication  
My brother and I both had malnutrition we were both fed molasses  
Every morning and we both were depraved of free Gov. milk at primary  
School my brother didn't make it to High School  
Before Margaret Marr Memorial Home we were residing at The Princess  
Alexandria Home for girls and boys just across the road is the primary  
School it is still there today ,if you just happen to run away and get caught  
You would be tied up and left in the superintendent's room but this didn't happen that  
Often, once a week we would go to the pictures.  
I was there approx., 6 to 9 months before being told that I would be going  
To a better place it wasn't to be. About 6 weeks later Geoffrey arrived  
At the Margaret Marr Memorial Boys Home he was forced to steal his  
Own asthma spray to ease the suffering in 1966 we were all at a Xmas  
Party ,I saw him suffering very much that was the last time I ever saw him.  
While working on a watermelon farm for Xmas 2 weeks , I was informed  
Of his death and missed out on the funeral.  
Other boys were illtreated as well and molested.  
The food was very fatty meat, lumpy custard etc. you ate what was eatable  
Conditions gradually improved over the last couple of years, Nowadays boys  
And girls in institutions have it a lot better I know things weren't the best  
In other institutions too we would get reports from 'other home boys  
At get together picnics'. Geoff and I got assaulted nearly every day by  
Bullies but that's kids there were lots of fights older boys or youths were  
Flogged with an ironing chord for running away from the institution.

Margaret Marr was a good woman who donated land to the Church in  
The turn of the 20th, century but now it has been bulldozed down the home  
That is, the new homes are a big improvement. After my brother departed  
I became very depressed I was heading for a nervous breakdown,  
The home, got in touch with my father, and he arranged an air fare to  
Adelaide, later my father wanted the fare back, I think he got most of it  
Back .he and defacto wife drunk a lot of wine and I once again was treated  
Badly .I was only there for a few months my father left in his car with friends  
And I was kicked out of house by my father's defacto Barbara,  
She is currently deceased.

Then an aunt took me in for the first couple of months things were good  
Then I got abused every night after work, it was there that I had my first nervous  
Breakdown , I hit the drink , I was to proud to get professional help, I was still  
Able to work but lost many jobs due to my mental illness. I Leslie Roy Cameron  
Have been receiving an invalid pension since 1985 for my mental condition

I am learning basic computer functions with art and photography and music,  
I have practiced for years on guitar and keyboards and I have recently acquired a set of  
bongo's .I have an old apple Macintosh computer ,I have no car licence  
My mental illness is not serious but I have been very disadvantaged  
Because of it that's about all I can think of for now .

Your Sincerely Leslie Roy Cameron

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L R Cameron". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.