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**QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Colin William BRAY
<i>Date of Birth</i>	21/08/1956
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Occupation</i>	Unit Manager - BYDC
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Date taken</i>	04/10/2012

I, Colin William BRAY state;

1. I am a former employee of the Department of Families [herein referred to as the Department].
2. I commenced employment with the department in 1984 at which time I undertook duties as a youth worker at the Sir Leslie Wilson Youth Detention centre. After approximately 18 months I transferred to the John Oxley Youth Detention Centre [herein referred to as JOYDC]. I remained at JOYDC until the opening of the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre around 2001 where I have continued to work. During my term of employment at JOYDC I commenced as a youth worker and progressed through the ranks of senior youth worker, shift supervisor, senior unit coordinator and later undertook relief periods as Centre Director. I also undertook external duties to JOYDC for a period of 12 months which related to the operational commissioning of the new Brisbane Youth Detention Centre.
3. During my period of employment at JOYDC I was conscious of some issues which essentially related to an influx of older boys from Westbrook after a riot

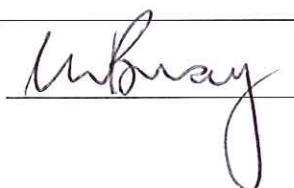
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had occurred there. These boys were moved on to JOYDC which was not a facility appropriate for receiving these children. This caused significant issues within the centre. Other issues which come to mind related to personality clashes, typical of any work place and a death in custody which occurred during my time as Centre Director.

4. I do not have recollection as to who was the manger when I commenced at JOYDC, however I am able to name several persons who I believe held this position. These persons included Terry McDermott, Ian McIntyre, Peter Coyne, Paul Carter, Martin Grandalis, Arthur Eustace-Earl. I have not named these managers in any particular chronological order, only as I recall them being at some time performing function as centre manager.
5. During my employment at JOYDC I was aware that an Inquiry occurred which I know as the Heiner Inquiry. I have limited knowledge about what this Inquiry was about. It may have been around frameworks of service delivery and the Centre's functioning, however I am unsure.
6. I can vaguely recall being involved in the process leading up to the Heiner Inquiry somewhere, however I do not recall whether or not I ever provided a statement. I know there had been some sort of expectation to engage in interviews. It may have been some sort of notice stating that you may be approached to be interviewed or something like that, however I do not recall if this came to fruition, as the inquiry suddenly ended.
7. I am not aware of which staff may have given evidence or provided any submission to the Heiner Inquiry.
8. From recollection, I believe that the Heiner Inquiry and interviews were going to be conducted at the Centre, but again I am not completely sure.

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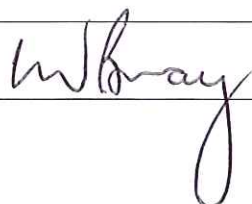


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9. I have no recollection of ever providing any statement to any person, body, or Inquiry about my employment at JOYDC or any Sexual Abuse allegations.
10. My only awareness of allegations involving sexual abuse occurring within youth detentions centres is from what I have learnt through hearsay and published media articles. From memory these articles referred to a young female detainee who had been taken on an excursion and that an issue had occurred whilst on the outing. I do not have any direct knowledge of this matter as I had no involvement in this incident.
11. During my period of employment I recall being a member of the Australian Workers Union. I cannot recall ever proving any information or raising any concerns to that Union.
12. On the 4th October 2012 Detectives Parer and Colless attended my work place during which time I provided them with my knowledge of this matter.
13. During this conversation Detective Parer produced to me a photocopy of a hand written document dated 3rd October 1989 signed 'Very Concerned'. I am able to state that I am not the author of this document nor do I recognise the handwriting contained in the document.
14. During my period of employment I can recall some names of fellow JOYC employees. These persons include youth workers (including General, Senior and Principal youth workers) Eileen Bisby, Lynn Draper, Mark Freemantle, Jan French, Bruce Goggins, Loraine Hayward, Scotty Healing, Marj Judd, Sabina Konnicanin, Peter McNeven, Peter Palmer, Brad Parfitt, Marianna Pearce, Rudi Pekelharing, Dave Smith, Gordon Teasdale, Fred Feige, Chris Edwards, Bruce Cassidy, Mark Mills, Bruce Cartledge, June West, Paul Hamson, Darryl Hood, Archie Olde-Woblers, Gary Truloff, Daniel Lannen, Warren Christensen, Michael Roch. Further staff I recall include Ray Bentley, Trevor Cox, Jim Douglas, Jock McAuly, Alexander Meulenberg (Mechanic/trades teacher), Sara Moynihan (Art

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teacher), Jane Mumford (Cook), Brian Parker (Admin), Lorraine McGregor (Nurse), Josie Russo (Cleaner), Jane Thirnbeck, Eric Humphries, Jenny Foote (Deputy Director), Anne Dutney (Deputy Director), Jeff Manitzky (Psychologist), Jody Preston (Admin), 'Kit' (Medical), Wally Tallas (shift supervisor), Marion Thompson (Case Planner), Ted Guzowski (Music facilitator), Barry Collings (Centre Director), Karen Merciadies (Teacher), Jan Duffy and Peter Williams (Teacher).

Colin William BRAY

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 4/10/12 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 4 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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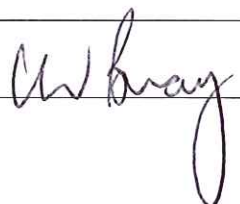
Signed at  this 16 day of NOVEMBER 20 12

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Name Denise Paron Rank DSC Reg. No. 10736

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