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**QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Wendy Anne MODINI
<i>Date of Birth</i>	25/01/1961
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Occupation</i>	Social Worker
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Date taken</i>	07/12/2012

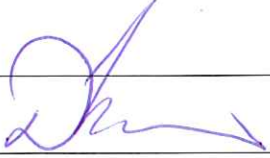
I, Wendy Anne MODINI nee KROPP state;

1. I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services [herein referred to as the department]. I commenced employment with the department in August 1983. Sometime around mid 1988 I took up a position at the John Oxley Youth Centre [herein referred to as JOYC] in the capacity of a social worker. I remained in this position until December 1988 at which time I left the youth detention system and undertook other duties within the department in regional Queensland.
2. My primary function at JOYC was to participate in social work with the youths within the facility. I would liaise with community agencies, complete reports and assessments for the youths, case work with them as well as well undertake the role of supervisor to two other social workers employed at JOYC – those being Gary Thompson and Marion Drew. My hours of employment were typically Monday – Friday 8:30am-5pm. I recall my direct line supervisor as being Jennifer Foote, who at that time was second in charge at JOYC. The manager when I commenced was Peter Coyne.
3. Other staff members I recall working at JOYC include Psychologist Jeff Manitzky, Glen Healing and an art teacher named Sarah.

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4. During my period of employment at JOYC I was not aware of any conflicts between staff members and management. I only learnt that there had been issues in later years through media releases which had discussed JOYC and the Heiner Inquiry. I cannot recall when this was but believe I was no longer working for the department when I heard of these issues. I was never part of that Inquiry nor did I ever provide any statement or submission to any person about my period of employment to any person or inquiry. I recall that Barbara Flynn was a name raised in the media during discussions of that Inquiry. I only remember her being involved as I had recognised her name as she held a senior position within the department.
5. I do not have any recollection of any sexual abuse allegations ever reported to me during my period of time at JOYC. Had any such matters been raised I would have followed procedures and briefed up to management. I would likely to have made briefing to management verbally and then, if required, in a written format such as a report or an entry on the relevant youth's case file.
6. On the 7th December 2012 I met with detectives Parer and Mison of the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry at which time I provided this statement. During this statement detective Parer read a passage of a document to me which was said to have been authored by Mark Freemantle. I recognised the name of Mark Freemantle as being a youth worker at JOYC during my period of employment. I recall very little detail about Mark. The passage read to me from that document suggests that sometime in May 1988, Mark made contact with me for 'extra information and support' relating to a child Brendan Turbane. This contact had been done as it appears I had been a supervisor at the time of the incident. Later the passage indicates that I indicated to Mark that I would get back to him or ask Peter Coyne (Manager) to contact Mark. This document later suggests that I was present in company with Peter Coyne when mark Freemantle reiterated information regarding young persons Brendan Turbane, Benjamin Rainbow and Annette Harding. Although this document indicates that conversations involving these young persons were said to me I have no recollection of those conversations or that incident.
7. From passages read to me it appears that should those documented events be an accurate account, I followed the necessary procedures in that I contacted the manager of JOYC at the earliest opportunity and provided briefing and assistance in responding to that incident.

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8. I do not recall if I made any case notes to the personal files of those children involved in the said incident or even if I spoke to those involved in the absence of being able to access and review those personal files. The children of the facility would come and see the Social Workers on a 'as needed basis' and I have no recollection that any of them did in relation to that event. I have no personal recollection of female detainee Annette Harding.

Wendy Anne MODINI

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 7th DECEMBER 2012 ^{WAM} and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W.A. Modini Signature

Signed at Mitchellton this Eleventh day of December 20 12

Witnessed:

[Signature] Signature

Name D. Parker Rank DSC Reg. No. 10736

Signature of Witness: W.A. Modini

Signature of Officer: [Signature]