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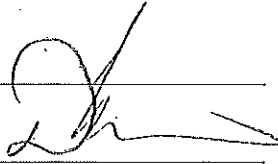
Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Darryn Raymond COLLINS
<i>Date of Birth</i>	26/09/1966
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Occupation</i>	Senior Forensic Nurse
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Date taken</i>	12/12/2012

I, Darryn Raymond COLLINS formerly known as Darryn LEAHY state;

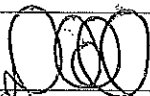
1. I am a former employee of the department of Family Services [herein referred to as the department]. My initial contact with the department commenced some time around 1984 in the capacity of nurse at the Challinor Centre, Ipswich, a mental health facility. This facility at different times was operated and controlled by both Queensland Health and the department.
2. After undertaking a variety of other positions at different locations including Jeffers Turner Respite Centre and Nambour Hospital, I took up position of youth worker at the John Oxley Youth Centre [herein referred to as JOYC]. I undertook this position sometime in early 1989 on a full time basis and worked shift work. My primary duties were to ensure that structured daily living activities were undertaken by the children. As a youth worker I would ensure their attendance at structured day programs, sports, school and vocational programs. We youth workers were to ensure good structure and routine was maintained within the centre and that safety was maintained for both staff and children. I remained in the role of youth worker at JOYC for a period of approximately 18 months before transferring to the Wolston Park Hospital.

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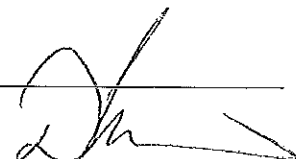
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3. I recall when I commenced at JOYC the centre's manager was Peter Coyne and his deputy was Anne Dutney. During the period of my employment at JOYC these positions were later filled by Trevor Cox and Ian McIntyre.
4. Other staff I recall working at JOYC include Fred Feige, Danny Lannen, June West, Olly Isaac, Lorraine, Connie, Mark Mills, Ken Gerke, Narend Nath, Tanya Preston and [REDACTED] and an art teacher named Cindy.
5. When I worked at JOYC I cannot personally recall having issues with management or staff. I do recall JOYC being what I would best describe as a unionised workforce. I myself cannot recall being a union member but remember there were many union militants and activists. From what I observed when management tried to change procedures or practices others were not comfortable with the change and it caused some disparity. The result was fractured staff and management relations. Reflecting back on my time at JOYC, in light of my own contextual learning's and experience since, I would describe the children of JOYC as having been significantly disturbed with many residents having some level of personality disorder and violent tendencies. I maintained a reasonable relationship with management. I worked well. I was just a young man who got on and did my job.
6. At no time do I ever recall having to write a statement to the union or management about issues arising at JOYC. I have some recollection that I may have shared a collective concern on a group submission about a particular issue or something however I never personally wrote any submissions. I think such group submissions were usually led by youth worker and union representative Fred Feige.
7. I am aware of the term Heiner Inquiry however I had no involvement with that Inquiry. I do not recall ever meeting or being offered opportunity to speak with a Mr Heiner, nor did I ever provide any statement or submission to that Inquiry. I believe it had been in later years that I had learnt of the Heiner Inquiry through the media. From recollection and my understanding of what was being said in the media it all related to some sort of incident that had happened at JOYC and that certain information had disappeared. I recall references of 'shredder gate' and a 'pack rape' which I do not believe had even occurred during my period of employment. I personally had no understanding of the Heiner Inquiry whilst I was employed at JOYC.

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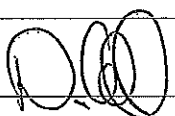


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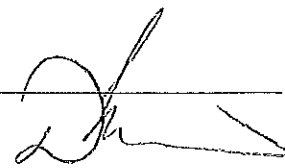


8. In relation to my knowledge of sexual abuse allegations within the youth detention system I can only offer the following information to the Commission of Inquiry:
9. At no time during my employment at JOYC was I ever made aware of any sexual abuse allegations or concerns. I rarely was made aware of any allegations of any sort of physical abuse either. To my mind staff worked to the best of their ability in order to be ethically sound.
10. I do recall however, it may have been several weeks after I had left JOYC an occasion in which a former co-worker ██████████ attended my home address unannounced. At the time I had been living at a friend's house in Gladstone Road, Saddlers Crossing Ipswich. ██████████ had been a fellow worker at JOYC. We would socialise occasionally, going to the pub together whilst I worked at JOYC. After I left JOYC ██████████ continued working there as a youth worker. ██████████ was nicknamed ██████████ as he looked like ██████████
11. That evening, it may even have been a Friday night, ██████████ came around to my place drunk. He was slurring his words however I could understand what he was saying to me. I recall ██████████ telling me that he had gone on some sort of trip and something had happened. The something he alluded to was something sexual. I cannot recall the exact words or details he used but recall him telling me about it involving a female child and swimming at Wivenhoe dam. ██████████ said they had gone out deeper in to the water than anyone else and things had 'gotten out of hand'. ██████████ did not explain to me what physically had happened however I do recall that the comments he made alluded to the something as having been sexual. I cannot now recall the female child's name ██████████ spoke of but I knew who he had been referring to as she had been a detainee when I had worked at JOYC. I can only now best describe this female child as being of light coloured skin and having short blonde hair. I remember telling ██████████ that he needed to go to work and do himself in. From memory the manager at JOYC at that time had been Ian McIntyre. ██████████ left my home shortly after our conversation.
12. I cannot state whether it was the next day or not, but it was very soon after that I received a telephone call from ██████████ at home. ██████████ told me he had dobed himself in and had

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resigned. He told me he was 'going away' and made mention of going to Victoria or somewhere similar. I never heard from [REDACTED] again after that telephone call.

13. As a young man learning that information I remember not knowing what to do. I harboured this information as a secret only telling some friends and family at different times over the years. I never made official report of it as I believed that [REDACTED] had essentially done so by dobbing himself in and assumed that the matter had been dealt with.
14. In 1997 I recall that someone from the Queensland Police Service attempted to make contact with me. I had been moving house between Greenslopes and Mt Nebo at the time and they had left a message for me. I never returned the call and made no attempt to speak with Police. From memory I had assumed that this call was possibly related to the Heiner Inquiry as it had been the flavour of the media at the time. I have provided no other person with a statement in relation to this event or any other sexual abuse incidents or concerns.
15. On the 12th December 2012 I met with Detective Parer of the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry at which time I provided her with this my statement.

Darryn Raymond COLLINS

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 12th December 2012 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 4 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[Signature] Signature

Signed at Wacol this 12th day of Feb 20 13

Witnessed: [Signature] Signature

Name Denise Parer Rank DSC Reg. No. 10736

Signature of Witness: [Signature]

Signature of Officer: [Signature]