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QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Gary Truloff
<i>Date of Birth</i>	01/08/1955
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Detective Sergeant Colless
<i>Occupation</i>	Public Servant
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Sergeant Colless 9632
<i>Date taken</i>	19 September 2012

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I, Gary Truloff states;

1. My full and correct name is Gary Truloff and I am 57 years of age having been born on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1955. I am currently employed by the Department of Justice and Attorney General in the area of Youth Detention Operations. I also work in the community two days a week as well.
2. On the 19 September 2012, I attended the Office of the Child Protection Commission of Inquiry and provided the details contained within this statement.
3. I am a former employee of the John Oxley Youth Centre (JOYC) having started around 1989 and worked at John Oxley for around 9 years. When the Centre went over to the Department of Corrective Services, I went to the Training Centre and did some work there.
4. When I started at JOYC, I was firstly a 'casual youth worker, then I later became a 'permanent youth worker' and I was almost at the top of my pay scale when I became a senior youth worker. In the interim there came up a position to work with a team of people training staff in a behaviour management system where I worked for a while

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and became a unit leader. When the Government changed they got rid of the unit leader position and that is how I went to a training position at Queensland Corrections.

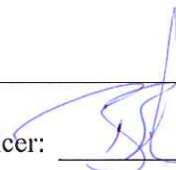
5. I recall at that time when I was employed at John Oxley in around 1989/1990, Peter Coyne was the manager for a period of time and then there was a couple of other guys that came in as the Manager after Coyne. I can't recall their names at this time.
6. I was aware there were some issues around the management style of Peter Coyne and relationship with staff when I arrived at the John Oxley Centre in 1989. I think at that point the problems were at the end or at its culmination.
7. One of the things that became apparent to me was that the workplace was divided into at least two camps, those for Peter Coyne and those against Peter Coyne. It seemed to be that the middle management structure was on Peter Coyne's side and there were a whole lot of workers in Unions who were against him. There was a lot of conflict happening and disgruntled staff who thought they were being asked to respond to things they had done unfairly and some staff who were being dismissed. There was also a concern that they were being dismissed unfairly.
8. I did not provide any letters or statements to any persons for bodies during this time. I was a member of the union back in 1989 and it may have been the QSSU but I did not supply any statements or letters to the QSSU or any other union.
9. I was aware of some staff who were giving statements to an inquiry which I think had been set up to sort out some of the issues at JOYC that were going on between the management and staff. I believe that JOYC staff were given the opportunity to go to the inquiry and to present their case to the inquiry.
10. I did not give evidence at this inquiry nor did I give evidence to the inquiry about any sexual abuse. I was not aware that the inquiry was held at JOYC and I assumed that it was conducted in the city somewhere, but I have no knowledge of where it was held.

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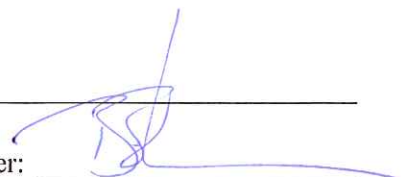
11. I know that some people had said that they did give evidence at this inquiry but I am unable to state who actually gave evidence or who did not. I can only suggest some names who might have given evidence at this inquiry such as Fred Feige, Danny Lannen, Sabina Konincannin, Trevor cox and Rudy Pekelharing. I don't recall people talking about what they said at this inquiry in any length only to say that they had been there at the Inquiry. I cannot say to any fact that any these persons gave evidence at the Inquiry only that they were in a position and had reason to give evidence at the Inquiry.
12. I was aware that there was discussions about an aboriginal girl supposedly raped by some aboriginal boys at an outing and I recall it being talked about back in 1989/1990. I had no direct contact with this matter as I didn't start until 1989. I do not know this girl nor did I have any contact with her. However I heard that during an outing two or three aboriginal boys and an aboriginal girl got split from the group. It was later reported that the girl had been raped and that there some efforts by staff to report it but the aboriginal girl pulled back from those allegations.
13. While I was employed at JOYC the only incident involving sexual abuse at JOYC I was aware of was the incident with the aboriginal girl as described above.
14. I have heard of the 1999 Ford Inquiry but I did not give any evidence or submit any statements or submissions to this inquiry.
15. I have not given any evidence or submit any statements or submissions to any parliamentary inquiries.
16. I have never been interviewed by any other persons, police or media in relation to the Inquiry at JOYC or about the aboriginal girl discussed above.
17. On the 19 September 2012, I was shown a list of staff, by Detective Colless, who were employed at JOYC around the time of my employment. I was able to identify most of

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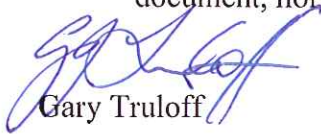


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the staff on the list as people I worked with or knew of working there and others who I did not know.

18. On the 19 September 2012, I was shown a photocopy of a hand written document dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1989 signed 'Very Concerned'. I am not the author of this document, nor am I able to recognise the handwriting on the document.

  
Gary Truloff

**Declaration**

This written statement by me dated 19 February 2012 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 4 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
Signature

Signed at BRISBANE this 27<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER 20 12

Witnessed:  
  
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