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QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION
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Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Fiona Francis FOLEY (nee SCHRODER)
<i>Date of Birth</i>	30/09/1964
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Commission of Inquiry
<i>Occupation</i>	
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Inspector Peter Brewer
<i>Date taken</i>	22/11/2012

I, Fiona Francis Foley state;

1. I reside at an address known to the Commission of Inquiry, my maiden name was SCHRODER.
2. I was formerly with the Department of Families/Child Safety and worked in the Gladstone and Fortitude Valley offices before taking a job at the John Oxley Youth Centre in about 1989. I remained employed there for about 2 yrs and left just before I got married in 1991.
3. Initially I was employed for a short time in the Social Worker role and then went to being a Youth Worker. In the Youth Worker role I did mainly evening shifts as my Husband was also a shift worker.
4. This only lasted for a few months before I was selected to take over a clerical position and then promoted to the Administration Officer role which I worked in until I left. The primary responsibilities I had in the Admin role was staff payments, budgets, petty cash, organising repairs like after the riot and generally ensuring things were maintained and paid for. I did not deal with any clerical matters like incident reports or major correspondence.

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Signature of officer



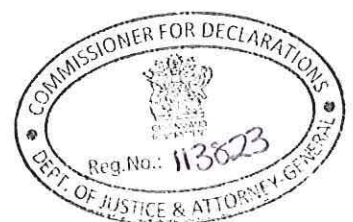
5. I was not a member of the Union at this time and I don't recall many of the people I worked with except for Jodie Preston who was also on the Admin Team. I do recall the Manager at the time was Peter Coyne who was there until towards the end of my time. There were some issues with the way he was running the centre and he was moved into Head Office. I did not stay in touch with anyone except for Jodie after leaving John Oxley.
6. When I was employed at John Oxley I am aware that there were a lot of people talking and lots happening at the Centre, I very much tried to stay out of these things. I did not ever get interviewed by any person or supply any statement about the way the Centre was being managed.
7. I was contacted by Detective Brewer on 22nd November 2012 who explained the Terms of Reference in relation to the Commission of Inquiry looking into the Government response to the handling of allegations of historic sexual abuse in Youth Detention centres. I have no knowledge of any incident involving any adult staff member. The only thing I recall was from early in my service at John Oxley a male child named [REDACTED] was allegedly assaulted with a toothbrush in a sexual way by another child. I was aware that the child was referred for medical treatment but am not aware of what happened after this referral.
8. Detective Brewer also mentioned a document to me which was later shown to me via a scanned email. This 3 page document appears to be notes of a meeting I attended as an Admin Officer and it is dated 14/2/1990.

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9. After viewing this document I can say that it relates to meeting that took place soon after peter Coyne left the Management role and how the Centre would be managed in the period after.

Fiona Foley

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 22/11/12 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed at Foley Gladstone Signature this 22 day of November 20 12

Witnessed:

[Signature] Signature
Name KAREN GILL Rank Cdec Reg. No. 113823

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