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**QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Myolene Anne CARRICK
<i>Date of Birth</i>	28/10/1945
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Det. Senior Sergeant Brett Barber
<i>Occupation</i>	Deputy Executive Director
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Sergeant Brett Barber
<i>Date taken</i>	30/01/2013

I, Myolene Anne CARRICK state;

1. I was a Deputy Director General for the Department of Family Services from 1988 to 1990.
2. I commenced work with the Department as a child care officer in 1976. I performed a number of roles with the Department prior to my appointment as a Deputy Director General in 1988.
3. Alan Pettigrew was the Director General of the Department of Family Services when I became a Deputy Director General. I believe there were four Deputy Director Generals at that time; George Nix; Col Thatcher; Robin Shepherd; and I.
4. Alan Pettigrew remained the Director General for the Department until late 1989 when the Goss Government came to power. Ruth Matchett was then appointed as the Director General replacing Allan.
5. I had no direct involvement in what is now referred to as the Heiner Inquiry. I have a vague recollection of the issues at the John Oxley Youth Centre (JOYC) being raised at senior executive meetings with Allan in late 1989, and I am aware

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that an Inquiry into JOYC did commence at some stage after that, but I have no memory of any specific events. My recollection is that the issues fell within George Nix's area of control and I was more focused on my own responsibilities at that time.

6. I recall Ruth Matchett being appointed as the Acting Director General, I think, in late 1989, and processes within the department changing. I found I was no longer privy to many of the issues and decision making within the Department.
7. Detective Barber showed me a document that appeared to be a Cabinet Memorandum dated 19 February 1990. I observed that the memorandum contained my signature.
8. I recall signing this memorandum as I remember thinking at the time that it was an unusual request. I think it was Trevor Walsh who brought the memorandum to me and asked me to sign it for Ruth Matchett. I believe Ruth and George were unavailable for some reason.
9. I read the memorandum and signed it based on Trevor's advice. I had no hand in compiling the memorandum, nor did I have any involvement in the issues it addressed. I did not see the memorandum again and do not recall speaking to anyone about the memorandum subsequent to signing it.
10. In about June or July 1990 I was moved out of my Deputy Director General role and assigned to a project. I later left the Department in about October 1990 and became a consultant for the Catholic Church.
11. I don't recall if it was just before or just after I left the department, I received a call from Kevin Lindeberg. Mr Lindeberg seemed interested in a number of issues within the Department. I didn't think it was appropriate for me to talk to him about these issues so I avoided providing him with any information.

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12. Mr Lindeberg contacted me on a number of occasions after that, however in each instance I avoided providing him with any information. I don't know how Mr Lindeberg obtained my phone number.
13. I recall also being contacted by a media reporter. I don't recall his name. It was not Bruce Grundy. I also declined to answer his questions regarding the Department.
14. I have not previously been asked to give evidence or provide a statement to any investigation or inquiry regarding allegations of child sexual abuse.

Ma Carrick

Myolene Anne CARRICK

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 30.1.13 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Ma Carrick Signature

Signed at _____ this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

Witnessed:

Signature

Name B. Barber Rank Det. Senior Sergeant Reg. No. 6382

Signature of Witness: _____

Signature of Officer: _____