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QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Statement of Witness

Table with 2 columns: Field Name and Value. Fields include Name of Witness, Date of Birth, Address and contact details, Occupation, Officer taking statement, and Date taken.

I, Jody Marie PRESTON state;

- 1. I am a current employee with the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disabilities Services [herein referred to as the department].
2. I commenced employment with the department in March 1983 in the substantive capacity of an Administrative Assistant based in central office and performed administrative duties in that location as well as in regional offices in a relief capacity.
3. In February 1988 I commenced employment at the John Oxley Youth Centre [herein referred to as JOYC] in the capacity of Administration Officer and later on various occasions relieved in a more senior administrative role in the same office...

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in administration there until September 1994. In 1994 I left JOYC, however, I continued employment with the Department of Communities.

4. Whilst at JOYC I recall my immediate work colleagues as being Brian Parker (my immediate line manager), and Administration officers Gayle Aitkenhead and later, Trudy Parker. These persons were located within the same office as me, all of us being physically separated from the secure area of the facility. At some point whilst I was at JOYC, there was a Staff Support Officer role created at the centre. I recall this position being filled by Bruce Read and Sabina Konicanin at different times. I also knew the Youth Worker Rodney Reston well during this time.
5. The management team at JOYC consisted of Centre Manager Peter Coyne and Deputy Manager Anne Dutney. At some stage during my employment I recall 'Barry' (Surname unknown) as being in the Centre Manager position and believe he took on this role after Peter and possibly Anne also had left JOYC.
6. At no time during my period of employment at JOYC did I become aware of any complaints made against staff or management of JOYC. Further, I do not have any direct knowledge of any sexual abuse incidents alleged to have occurred within JOYC.
7. Some years later, after I left JOYC, I recall hearing through the media some references about a Heiner Inquiry. My understanding of the Heiner Inquiry was that it related to material that had been shredded and that there was a link to staff at JOYC who may have known about this. That was and still is the full extent of my knowledge and understanding of it. I do not have any knowledge of what the shredded material was supposed to have contained and have only learned of it through the media since leaving JOYC.
8. At no time was I approached by Mr Heiner or any other person on his behalf to provide any evidence or details of sexual abuse alleged to have occurred at the John Oxley Youth Centre.

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9. I have no knowledge of any persons who were approached or gave evidence to the Heiner Inquiry.
10. At no time during my period of employment at JOYC did I supply any statement or letter to any person or body about the John Oxley Youth Centre.
11. At no time whilst employed at JOYC or since ending my employment have I ever been approached by any other persons, including media, requesting information in relation to my employment at JOYC.
12. On the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012 I was contacted by Detective Senior Constable Parer from the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry who made an appointment with me to meet and discuss my employment at JOYC.
13. On the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2012 I attended the offices of Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry where I provided my knowledge of these matters as outlined to Detectives Parer and Barber.
14. During this conversation, Detective Parer produced to me a photocopy of a hand written document dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1989 signed 'Very Concerned'. I am able to state that I am not the author of this document. I do not recognise the handwriting on the document.
15. During this conversation Detective Parer read out a list of staff surnames to me and asked me if I recalled these staff, their christian names and/or their roles at JOYC. As this list was read to me I was able to recall numerous staff christian names and the positions they held within JOYC. I believe I was able to identity these names to the best of my ability, as I had undertaken rostering and some payroll duties whilst employed at JOYC, as well as processing leave applications and filing any staff related matters on employee files. The christian names I identified were as follows:

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Ray Bentley, Eileen Bisby (Supervisor), Trevor Cox (Supervisor), Jim Douglas, Lyn Draper (Supervisor/social worker), Jan French (Youth worker), Bruce Goggins, Lorraine Hayward, Marjorie Judd (Operational). Sabina Konicanin, Peter McNeven (Youth worker), Gloria McNeven (Cleaner), Sarah Moynihan (Art teacher), Jane Mumford (Kitchen/cook), Peter Palmer, Brad Parfitt (Youth worker), Brian Parker (my Line manager), Trudy Parker (Admin), Marianna Pearce (Operational), Rudi Pekelharing (Supervisor), David Smith, Gordon Teasdale, Jill Wesche (Casual youth worker), Bruce Cassidy (Supervisor), Mark Mills, Paul Hamson (Youth worker), Colin Bray (Supervisor), Chris Edwards (Operational), Daryl Hood, Archie Olde-Woblers, Gary Truloff , Trudy Lewis (Youth worker), Danny Lannen (Youth worker), Warren Christensen (Youth worker), Jenny Foote (Social worker/management), Anne Dutney (Deputy Manager), Geoff Manitzky (Psychologist), Lorraine McGreggor (Nurse), Fredrick Feige (Youth worker).

Jody Marie Preston

**Declaration**

This written statement by me dated 24/9/12 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 4 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. Preston Signature  
Signed at Brisbane this 24 day of September 20 12.

Witnessed:

U. Foote Signature  
Name ULRIKE FORTESCUE Rank SOLICITOR Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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