



QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Doctor Jan Connors
<i>Date of Birth</i>	
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Detective Senior Sergeant Barber
<i>Occupation</i>	Senior Consultant Paediatrician
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Sergeant Brett Barber
<i>Date taken</i>	5 October 2012

I, Doctor Jan Connors state;

1. I am Director and Senior Consultant Paediatrician to the Mater Children's Hospital Child Protection Unit. I currently also work as a Senior Paediatrician in Community Paediatrics for Queensland Health. I am also the Health Representative on both the Inala and Stones Corner City SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect) teams.
2. **Qualifications and Experience**  
I have been a qualified registered medical practitioner since 1981. I have been registered as a Specialist Paediatrician since 1991. I have worked specifically in the area of Child Protection since 2000. In 2003 I gained a Masters of Public Health. My dissertation was on the long-term impact of child abuse on women prisoners in Queensland. I have completed the following modules of the Masters of Forensic Medicine course through Monash University, Melbourne:
  - Injury Interpretation – High Distinction
  - Medical Evidence –Distinction
3. I am a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (R.A.C.P.), Member of the Paediatric Society of Queensland, Member of the Australian Association of Infant Mental Health, Member of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Member of the Chapter of Community Child Health and member of the Special Interest Group in Child Protection for the R.A.C.P and am currently the Queensland

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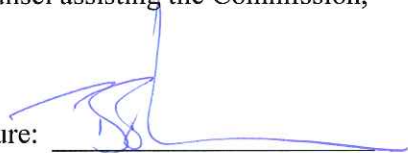
representative of that group. I am an accredited supervisor of Child Protection training for the R.A.C.P.

4. I regularly attend professional development and peer review activities in Child Protection. I attend National and International Child Protection Conferences. Child protection is a recognised mandatory training requirement for Specialist Paediatric training within the RACP. I have attended recognised training courses in Sexual and Physical abuse in Auckland. I have also attended advanced sexual abuse training as well as training in assessment of child deaths, both held in San Diego and linked with the Chadwick Centre within San Diego Children's hospital.
5. The Child Protection Unit at the Mater Children's Hospital employs a full time research officer who reviews medical journals and other sources of up to date medical information to allow our team to maintain up to date evidence based practice. We meet fortnightly via tele-health to continue professional development with colleagues across Queensland.
6. In July this year I became aware that the Queensland Child Protection Inquiry had commenced a review of the child protection system in Queensland. I reviewed the Commission's Terms Of Reference and began preparing a submission regarding my experience within the child protection field.
7. In early August 2012, I was contacted by Anne Edwards from the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry inviting me to become a member of an advisory committee for the Commission. I agreed, and also advised Edwards that it was my intention to provide a submission to the Commission.
8. I later received a letter from the Commissioner of the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry, the Honourable Tim Carmody SC formally inviting me to be a member of the Commission's Advisory Committee.
9. I completed my submission and on 10 September 2012 contacted the Commission to discuss management of the relevant case studies. I spoke with Detective Senior Sergeant Brett Barber who made arrangements for me to attend the office of the Commission on 19 September and meet with Kathryn McMillan, Senior Counsel assisting the Commission, to discuss my submission.

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10. At the conclusion of the meeting I agreed to provide a formal statement regarding my involvement with the Commission.



Dr Jan Connors

**Declaration**

This written statement by me dated 5/10/12 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed at  Signature  
this 2 day of November 20 12  
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Witnessed:  Signature  
Name B. BARBER Rank DSS Reg. No. 6382

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