

Department of Family Services and
Aboriginal and Islander Affairs

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To: Regional Manager - South West Region

Date: 11.2.2013

Copies to: Attention: Mr K Otter

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Subject: Allegation of Sexual Assault made by a Resident at John Oxley Youth Centre

I wish to advise details of the abovementioned allegation for possible referral to the Criminal Justice Commission for further investigation.

Subject Child

Name: Shelly Ann NEAL
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Area Office: [REDACTED]
Status: Care and Control

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On 16 April, 1991 the abovementioned child advised a Practical Youth Worker, Mr Alexander Meulenberg, that she had been sexually assaulted by a Youth Worker, Mr [REDACTED], while swimming at the Wivenhoe Dam on 4 April, 1991. The Manager was advised of the allegation. The child stated that she had sexual intercourse with [REDACTED] in the water while swimming at the Wivenhoe Dam on 4 April, 1991. She was advised that, as this was a serious allegation, the Police would have to be involved even though she did not wish they be notified.

Mr [REDACTED] was advised of the allegation by the Manager. He became very upset and said he didn't wish to work at John Oxley Youth Centre one minute longer. He tendered his resignation that afternoon and left the premises. He was advised that he should give two weeks notice but Mr [REDACTED] insisted on resigning.

Details of Wivenhoe Dam Excursion

During the school vacation period, on 4 April, 1991, three male and one female Youth Worker's escorted four male and two female residents on a day excursion to the Wivenhoe Dam. Staff reported no incidents and said they all had an enjoyable day.


The Inala Juvenile Aid Bureau were advised of the allegation on 18 April, 1991, as it was thought an offence may have been committed. Also, Mrs Heather Denhouting a Solicitor from the Inala Community Legal Service, visited the Centre to explain to Shelly the legal implications and to

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represent her interests during the Police investigation. Arrangements were made for the Police to interview Shelly Neal at John Oxley Youth Centre on 18 April, 1991.

The child's mother, Mrs Cecily Neal was advised of the allegation and visited the Centre on 19 April, 1991. Due to threats of physical assault by some residents being made against Shelly and her planned imminent release from custody, it was thought prudent to release her into her mother's care that day. Mrs Neal advised that Shelly has made similar allegations in the past and presented as not being overly concerned.

The Inala Juvenile Aid Bureau were advised that Shelly Neal had been released from John Oxley Youth Centre on 19 April, 1991 and suggested they liaise with the Pine Rivers Area Office for further information concerning the Neal family.



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John Oxley Youth Centre

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