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**QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

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**Statement of Witness**

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Sarah Lillias Moynihan
<i>Date of Birth</i>	06/09/1963
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to commission staff
<i>Occupation</i>	Executive Director
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Sergeant John MISON
<i>Date taken</i>	08/10/2012

I, Sarah Lillias Moynihan state;

1. I am 49 years of age.
2. I am the executive director of an artistic company called Feral Arts.
3. I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services, [herein referred to as the department].
4. I started working for the department as a youth worker practical trainer at the John Oxley Youth Centre, [herein referred to as JOYC]. In essence my role at JOYC was that of an art teacher, where I would coordinate the art program for the residents.
5. I worked at JOYC for about 18 months to 2 years. I left JOYC sometime in 1988. When I started at work at JOYC, Terry McDermott was the manager. The next manager that I worked for was Peter Coyne.
6. When I worked at JOYC I was a member of a union. I am not sure of the name of the union.

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7. I remember some other staff working at JOYC including: Lyn Draper, Ray Bently, Gordon Teasdale, Brian Parker, Anne Dutney, Karen Mersiades, Alex Mulenberg, Jeff Manitzky, Bruce Cassidy, Jenny Foote, Marg Judd, Colin Bray, Eileen Bisby, Connie, Lorraine McGregor, Lex Clements, Gary Thompson, Marion Drew, Trevor Cox, Peter McNevin, and Rudy Pekalhearing. I remember Rudy Pekalhearing was my supervisor.
8. Whilst I worked at JOYC I participated in an outing/excursion with residents. I have a limited memory of this incident as it was a long time ago. The incident occurred on a teaching outing that involved a resident by the name of Annette Harding. I recall that Jeff Manitzky and myself were asked to assist with this outing. Jeff was a psychologist. Basically I recall that during this outing a group of kids got separated during a walk. Jeff and I were bringing up the rear of one group of residents who were stragglers. There was another group up ahead which were separated from us as they had gone ahead. When Jeff and I got to a point where the groups were meant to meet at, the first separated group of kids were not there. I remember Jeff left me and went to look for this missing group of kids. After a while Jeff returned to where I was and told me that several of the kids had absconded. He also said something about sex but I can't recall the exact words he used.
9. I did not see any of the child residents having sex on that outing or excursion.
10. At some point the police were advised of the absconding kids who were eventually located. Sometime later we drove back to JOYC where the manager Peter Coyne was called in as a result of the incident. I do remember Peter Coyne being called back in as it was late when we got back to JOYC from the outing.
11. The next day after the outing, Peter Coyne requested me to write a report about the outing. I did a handwritten report about the outing as requested.
12. I can't remember whether or not the resident Annette Harding told me anything about what actually occurred on the outing. I have some memory that I accompanied Annette outside of JOYC just prior to her release. This was standard practice to accompany residents who are about to leave JOYC. I do not recall any conversation about the outing with Annette at that time.
13. I am aware of the Heiner Inquiry that was conducted into JOYC. I became aware of the Heiner Inquiry after it had already occurred.

14. I did not provide any statement or letter to the Heiner Inquiry. I did not attend the Heiner Inquiry and give any actual evidence.
  
15. The only other incident of possible inappropriate conduct that I heard of that occurred at JOYC was when an over exposed photograph was located in the possession of a resident. The photograph depicted a staff member from JOYC with a banana in their mouth. I don't recall who the staff member was. The rumour at the time was that the photograph was inappropriate.
  
16. Since leaving JOYC I have been interviewed on a number of occasions about my time at JOYC. These interviews have been conducted by officers from the CMC or the CJC, Queensland police and an ex police commissioner Noel Newnham. I can't remember what was spoken about during these interviews. I think the interviews were mainly about the Annette Harding incident. I think another worker from JOYC had given my name to Noel Newnham. I think the worker who provided my name to Noel Newnham may have been Fred Feige.
  
17. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2012 I met with detectives Colless and Mison from the Child Protection Inquiry where I had a conversation. During this conversation I was shown a document in the form of a typed report in my name. I recognised my signature on this document.



Sarah Lillias Moynihan

**Declaration**

This written statement by me dated 8<sup>th</sup> - 10 - 12 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 1-3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S2QLD Signature  
 Signed at New Farm this 10 day of January 20 13

Witnessed:

J.A. Mison Signature  
 Name J.A. Mison Rank Det Sgt Reg. No. 8065

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