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**QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

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**Statement of Witness**

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Brian William Parker
<i>Date of Birth</i>	11/01/1956
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to commission staff
<i>Occupation</i>	Senior manager, Dept of Communities
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Sergeant John Mison
<i>Date taken</i>	07/12/2012

I, Brian William Parker state;

1. I am 56 years of age.
2. I am a senior manager with the Department of Communities.
3. I first started working for the department in January 1987 at the John Oxley Youth Centre, [herein referred to as JOYC]. I started at JOYC with the appointed manager Terry McDermott prior to other staff arriving. My role was to assist Terry with setting up of a roster, attending to purchases of equipment and also prepare procedures.
4. I believe there were about 55 staff who were to be employed at JOYC. This was a combination of Administration staff, Youth workers including (senior youth worker and principal youth workers), domestics, teachers, groundsman and cooks.
5. Peter Coyne was appointed manager sometime after Terry. I worked under Peter for about 6 months or so. After Peter Coyne became manager there were tensions at JOYC between management and the staff.. Basically there were two camps. One camp had staff

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who were "in" with management and other camp had staff who were "out" with management. I was in the "out" camp.

6. The centre changed under Peter Coyne's management style. The previous manager Terry was a very open and accountable person. My perception was that Peter was more closed and less accountable. I believe he came from a child care officer position and was not experienced in managing a youth detention centre. It is my personal view, that Peter was too immature when he took on the role of manager as he was too young as he was in his late 20's. I have memories of Peter screaming and yelling at staff in his office. Peter's management style also included favouritism, which upset some staff.
7. Whilst I worked at JOYC I was a member of the Queensland State Services Union.
8. During 1989 to 1990 I left JOYC and relieved for about 8-10 months in the Brisbane North Region as the regional administration officer. It was during this time that the Heiner Inquiry was conducted. I did not attend the Heiner Inquiry nor did I provide any written material to the Inquiry.
9. I have no knowledge of child sexual abuse at JOYC. I did not witness any incidents of child sexual abuse nor have I reported about any incidents of child sexual abuse.
10. I ceased working at JOYC in March of 1991.

**Declaration**

This written statement by me dated 7/12/12 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 2 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed at Brisbane Signature this 18th day of DECEMBER 2012

Witnessed: [Signature]  
Name J. A. MISON Signature Rank Det Sgt Reg. No. 8065

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