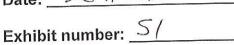
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QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Our reference: [eDocs document number]

Statement of Witness

Name of Witness	Marion Anne Thompson
Date of Birth	06/05/1964
Address and contact details	
Occupation	Retired
Officer taking statement	Detective Sergeant J A MISON
Date taken	11 / 10 /2012

I, Marion Ann Thompson state;

- I am a retired, divorced woman of 48 years of age. I have kept my married surname of Thompson. My maiden surname was Drew.
- 2. Since 2006 I have suffered from a degenerative neurological condition.
- I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services, [herein referred to as the department].
- 4. I hold a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Queensland. After graduating from my degree I commenced employment with the department as a family services officer at the Ipswich office. I worked in this position for a period of three years.
- 5. Whilst I was working at Ipswich I was approached by Peter Coyne. At the time Peter Coyne was the manager of the John Oxley Youth Centre, [herein referred to as JOYC]. I had previous dealings with Peter as he worked at the Inala office of the department as a social worker. I don't think Peter had been manager long at JOYC when he approached

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me. Peter discussed with me if I was interested in applying for position at JOYC. I would describe Peter Coyne as being a little eccentric.

- I subsequently applied and attained a position at JOYC. I remember I was excited about
 this new opportunity as I was interested in helping children who had not been well looked
 after.
- 7. Some of the staff I remember from my time at JOYC back then are; Peter Coyne manager, Ann Dutney- deputy, Eileen Bisby- senior youth worker, Jim Douglas youth worker, Lyn Draper principal youth worker, Jan French youth worker, Lorraine Hayward senior youth worker, Sabina "Connie" Konicanen youth worker, Jock McCauly youth worker, Peter McNeven youth worker, Sarah Moynihan Artist, Marian Pierce- youth worker, Rudy Pekalharing admin section, Mark Mills youth worker, Josie Russo housekeeping, Lex Celemence youth worker, Colin Bray separate section, June West youth worker, Lorraine McGreggor youth worker, Brian Cartledge youth worker, Archie (can't remember last name) youth worker, Jane Thirnbeck —youth worker, Gary Truloff senior level worker, Danny Lannen youth worker, Trevor Cox senior level worker, Jeff Manitzky psychologist, Jody Preston Admin, Karen Mersiades Teacher and Terry Owens groundsman.
- 8. Whilst I worked at JOYC I was not aware of inappropriate things occurring. I do remember though some staff were more suited to the work than others. There was a bit of staff fighting amongst themselves. I wasn't involved in these staff tensions back then nor did I pay much attention to them.
- 9. I was aware there was an inquiry being conducted about JOYC back then. I recognise the name of Heiner as being familiar to the person conducting the inquiry. From what I had heard from other people it was all about Peter Coyne and Ann Dutney. I do not have a great memory of this time. I think I may have met with this man Heiner at work briefly. I think it was about processes at the centre and management. My rough recollection is that this meeting occurred in a room and there were only the two of us. I am pretty sure that if I said anything about Peter Coyne or Ann Dutney, it would have been positive as I was impressed by them both at the time. However, I do not recall what I said to Heiner

10. I cannot remember providing anything to this inquiry in written form.

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- Whilst I worked at JOYC I was not aware of any sexual abuse. I never witnessed any 11. sexual abuse and do not recall any talk or rumours of any sexual abuse. The only thing I remember which I think was inappropriate was when youth worker former detainee got married. I found out about this marriage after I had left JOYC.
- In total, I worked at JOYC for about three years. I was made acting deputy of the centre 12. for a period of about 2 to 3 weeks right at the end of my time there. I have a letter from Tim Evans the manager appointing me to this acting position dated in April 1990. After I did this relieving as deputy manager I left the centre.
- 13. After leaving JOYC I worked on and off for the department as I raised my children.
- 14. On Thursday the 11th day of October 2012 I met with Detectives Mison and Parer. Detective Mison showed me a document signed "very concerned". I am not the author of this document nor do I recognise the handwriting on it.

Declaration

	of my knowledge and belief.
Signed at Brisbane	Signature this 17th day of October 2012
Witnessed:	
Name J. 4. MISON	Signature Rank Det Sgt Reg. No. 8065
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