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QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Our reference: [eDocs document number]

Statement of Witness

Name of Witness	Teresa Ellen Parker
Date of Birth	17/11/1964
Address and contact details	
Occupation	Human Services Manager
Officer taking statement	Detective Sergeant J A MISON
Date taken	07/11/2012

I, Teresa Ellen Parker;

- 1. I am 47 years of age. I am also known by the name of Tess Parker.
- 2. I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services, [herein referred to as the department].
- 3. I hold a Bachelor of Social Work and a Masters in Social Administration.
- I commenced working for the department at the Redlands office as a child care officer. 4.
- 5. I have worked in both Youth Justice and Child Protection areas of the department, however my main focus was primarily in youth justice issues.
- Between the years of 1989 to 1990 I worked at the Youth Justice Unit. I left this unit in 6. about December 1990. This unit was located at Fortitude Valley in a warehouse building.
- 7. This Youth Unit conducted programs for young persons. Basically the staff were experts in the field of young persons with extensive experience of the justice system. Separate to these duties I also conducted and assisted with research programs into young persons with justice system experience.

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- 8. I was never employed at the John Oxley Youth Centre, however on occasion I had reason to attend that centre to meet with young persons whilst working at the Youth Justice unit and other offices. I would attend John Oxley Youth Centre to maintain contact with young persons whom I had contact with prior to them entering detention. This was done to keep positive connections with these young persons and their community. It was one of the aims of our program at the Youth Unit, to maintain a connection for these young persons with their outside community whilst they were in detention.
- 9. I do recall attending the John Oxley Youth Centre on numerous occasions and meeting with young persons.
- 10. On Wednesday the 7th of November 2012 I had a conversation with Detective Mison of the Child Protection Commission of Inquiry. I subsequently viewed a document titled "Programme Thursday 2-11-89". Under the heading of excursion I observed a young persons name I had dealings with in the Youth Unit. I recognised the young person's name as being one I was working with back then. Beside these names is my name Tess Parker.
- 11. I have a very vague recollection of an inquiry that occurred about John Oxley Youth centre. I did not get involved in this Inquiry. I did not give evidence to this Inquiry nor did I provide anything written to this Inquiry.
- 12. I do not know of any incidents of sexual abuse at the John Oxley Youth Centre nor have I ever given evidence relating to sexual abuse to any Inquiry or Court.
- 13. I left the department in September 2012.

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Declaration This written statement by me dated 7	and contained in the pages numbered
1 to 2 is true and correct to the bes	et of my knowledge and belief.
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Signed at St. Lucia	this 8th day of November 2012
Witnessed:	
	Signature
Name T.A.MISON	Rank Net Sgt Reg. No. 8065
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