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**QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	RosalieAnnetta Kennedy
<i>Date of Birth</i>	06/1/1960
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Occupation</i>	Social Worker – Manager
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Date taken</i>	18/12/212

I, Rosalie Annetta Kennedy state;

1. I am a former employee of the Department of Families [herein referred to as the department]. In November 1989 I moved to Queensland from New South Wales where I had been employed in that state with their Department of Children Services. Upon moving to Queensland I took up a position of social worker at the John Oxley Youth Centre [herein referred to as JOYC]. I remained in that position for approximately 9 months before requesting transfer within the department.
2. As a social worker at JOYC my primary functions were to attend to the counselling of the children on a one on one basis. I would also assist in counselling the children through the court process as well as prepare court reports for the children. My standard hours of work were between Monday and Friday 9am-5pm. I was the junior member of the social worker team. My immediate supervisor was Marion Drew. We worked alongside Jeff Manitzky (Psychologist) and Earl Ramsden (Child care officer).
3. When I commenced employment at JOYC the centre's manager was Peter Coyne and the second in charge was Anne Dutney. The later manger who took over from Peter was Tim, who I believe came from the Townsville Detention centre sometime in June or July

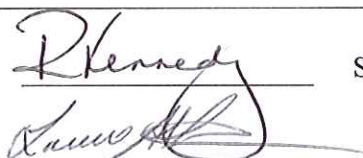
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1990. Other staff I recall working at JOYC include Col Bray , Rudi Pekelharing and Lynn Draper.

4. I recall there being issues within the centre during my employment there. Issues related to there not being enough staff. There were also issues as to how Peter was managing staff and that there was an inner circle amongst management who were given preferential treatment. I recall an occasion where the management team and my immediate supervisor Marion left the centre for two days on a course or something. No instructions were left with the remaining staff as to what was to occur and because of the course children had to be essentially locked away and minimised from their daily routines. When Peter returned I remember that nothing we had done in those 2 days had been good enough yet the remainder of us had dealt with the circumstances as best we could.
5. I also witnessed Peter victimise people. I recall an occasion where I had seen Peter sneak a set of keys from a youth worker without him knowing. In a meeting later that day Peter publicly asked the youth worker to present his keys which he couldn't. The youth worker was publically chastised and was frantic and started to break down. After this went on for about 20 minutes Peter revealed the keys and though it was a bit of a joke. He would continually play mind games like that with staff. I myself ended up in tears on almost a daily basis because working in the centre was so damaging because of management.
6. I recall another occasion in which a bomb call had been placed to JOYC. Peter made all staff form up and directed us all to walk through the centre to look for a bomb before the Police and fire and rescue arrived. I refused because I thought those actions were unsound however in the end I was directed to by Peter without choice. I just ended up walking alongside the others in the same direction reluctantly.
7. Peter's management was based on fear and intimidation and as I was not part of the inner circle I was often made feel that I was not doing my job properly.
8. I recall being present at a meeting of all staff whilst still at JOYC. I remember Ruth Matchett, who was with the department coming out to JOYC. The staffs who were on gathered into the meeting room at the front of the office. I remember Ruth Matchett telling us that Peter Coyne no longer had the position as centre manager. I remember some staff were relieved at the news and others, who were close to Peter, were not.

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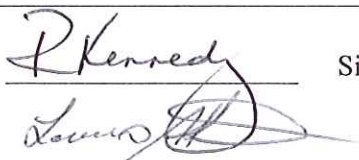


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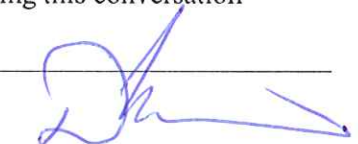


9. I am familiar with the term Heiner Inquiry. I do not know if this commenced whilst I was still at JOYC or if I was whilst I was in the progress of seeking a transfer from the centre. At no time do I ever remember being approached or asked to provide any sort of submission to any inquiry about management or the goings on at the Centre. I think I became more aware of the Inquiry after I had left JOYC and started with the department at their Strathpine office. I did not keep in contact with any youth workers after I left JOYC and am not aware of any person who may have been involved with that inquiry.
10. In relation to allegations of sexual abuse or concerns I can only offer the following information.
11. Whilst at JOYC I was a case officer for Annette Harding. As a case officer part of my duties was to screen any mail coming in to the centre for children whose cases I had. I recall one occasion when Annette had received a sexually explicit letter from someone whom I believed was an adult male person. I remember telling Annette that the receipt of such mail was inappropriate and not permitted. Annette was ok with that decision and no further letters were received. At no time do I recall Annette making any disclosures or raising any issues of concern to me.
12. I believe I would have made notation about that letter on her personal case file and I would have also provided briefing to my supervisor Earl Ramsden. This would have been a verbal briefing discussing the best way to handle the situation, which was decided on as speaking to Annette about it.
13. The only other instances of anything else remotely sexualised was when one of the male detainees used to deliberately drop his towel from around his waist as he left the shower. He would claim that these actions were accidental however they were seen by staff to be deliberate. We resolved this matter internally by ensuring that when he was exiting the shower room that there was never any other persons around in order to discourage his behaviours.
14. On the 18th December 2012 I confirm being contacted via telephone by detective senior constable Denise Parer of the Queensland Child Protection Commission of inquiry at which time I provided her my knowledge of this matter. During this conversation

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Detective Parer read to me a document which sounded like minutes of a meeting I was said to have attended at JOYC on the 14th February 1990. I do not recall the actual meeting itself but from the contents believe it was likely to have been chaired by Anne Dutney, however I cannot be certain.

Rosalie Annetta KENNEDY

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 18/12//2012 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 4 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R Kennedy Signature
Signed at Lismore NSW this 15 day of January 20 13

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R Kennedy

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