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QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Dennis Garry EVERETT
<i>Date of Birth</i>	20/10/1947
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Occupation</i>	Program Delivery Officer
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Date taken</i>	20/09/2012

I, Dennis Garry EVERETT state;

1. I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs [herein referred to as the department].
2. I commenced employment with the department in February 1989 at which time I undertook duties as a youth worker at the John Oxley Youth Centre [herein referred to as JOYC]. Between February 1989 to June 1990 I performed youth worker duties on both a casual and temporary basis. I terminated my employment with the department under my own terms on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1990.
3. My duties at JOYC involved the general supervision of the child detainees within the accommodation wings. I would undertake daily activities with the children including sporting and yard activities.
4. Upon commencement of my employment at JOYC I recall Peter Coyne as being the centre's manager. Anne Dutney was the Deputy Manager.

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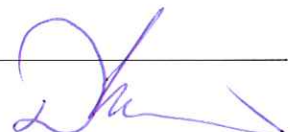
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5. Other staff members I recall working at JOYC included Trevor Cox (above position of senior youth worker), Lorraine Hayward (youth worker), Sabina Konnicanin, Rudi Pekelharing, Gordon Teasdale (youth worker), Bruce Cassidy (youth worker), June 'Westy' West (youth worker), Paul Hamson (youth worker), Colin Bray, Garry Truloff (youth worker), Warren Christensen (youth worker), Loraine McGreggor (Nurse/youth worker) and Fred Feige (youth worker / senior youth worker). I also recall a male by the name of 'Terry' who used to be the Centre's handyman.
6. As my time at JOYC progressed I became aware that there were factions within JOYC between staff and management. Jerry (Surname unknown), one of the youth workers had told me it was best to stay out of it. I remember Jerry as being in opposition to Peter Coyne. From memory Colin Bray and Anne Dutney were supportive of Peter Coyne. I never became involved in the factions and actively avoided dispute. I respected the line of management and just continued on with my duties.
7. Some time in to my employment at JOYC I started feeling that I was personally being discriminated against. I found that I was not readily being allocated shifts yet other persons within JOYC were. This struck me as not making sense as around that same time I had been provided a glowing reference by Peter Coyne about my suitability as a youth worker and performance at JOYC. I had never asked Peter for such reference, and after seeing later Government issued references, this document was uncharacteristic. It was about two thirds of a page long and sounded like I was being 'sucked up to'. I recall him asking to see me in his office and him handing me the reference.
8. It would have been some months later that I recall the Heiner Inquiry being conducted in relation to JOYC. My understanding of the Heiner Inquiry at the time was that it was in relation to management issues occurring at JOYC.

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9. I recall that at first there had been some sort of invitation circulated to staff members to make a verbal or written statement to Judge Heiner to outline concerns about management at JOYC and that any information provided to the Heiner Inquiry would remain confidential. As discrimination of shift allocation continued against me I decided that I would go and see Judge Heiner. I cannot recall how the arrangements were made but remember attending an office somewhere in Brisbane and speaking with Judge Heiner. On that day I took the reference Peter Coyne had given me to show Judge Heiner. My meeting with Judge Heiner was formal but relaxed. I only spoke with Judge Heiner about my immediate shift discrimination issues and nothing else.
10. At no time during my conversation with Judge Heiner did I make mention of any other management issues or sexual abuse allegations or concerns in relation to JOYC.
11. It was very close in time after I had spoken to Judge Heiner that I recall receiving a telephone call from Peter Coyne. While on shift at JOYC I received a call around 5:30am. I cannot remember if this call was paged through to me or I had answered it directly but I do know that I was the intended recipient of the call from Peter. I cannot recall the entirety of the conversation however I do remember Peter Coyne telling me that I 'had ruined his life and his family's life'. I was very shocked by this call.
12. Not long after that I left JOYC and commenced other employment external to the department.
13. During my time at JOYC I did not observe or receive any disclosures of any sexual abuse that was alleged to have occurred. I do recall being told through some conversation about an outing that had occurred prior to my employment at JOYC in which a female detainee had been taken advantage of. That was the extent of the information I had been provided. This information had been provided to me in passing general conversation only. I do not remember who had

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made mention of it to me, but believe it may have been fellow staff member 'Connie' [Sabina Konnicanin].

14. I have since had comment made to me by a former child detainee [REDACTED] of Wilson Youth Centre, Marsden and Boystown about allegations of sexual abuse that he had experienced during his time in detention as a child. This person has never provided me details of those events, simply advising me that sexual abuses had occurred to him. [REDACTED] has, subsequent to providing the above information, indicated to me that he had actually witnessed a staff member having non-consensual sex with a female detainee while [REDACTED] was accommodated at JOYC. As I did not consider it my place to field or obtain this information, I did not discuss this matter further with him.
15. I have never been interviewed by any other person/s, other than Judge Heiner, about my employment at the John Oxley Youth Centre.
16. I do not have any knowledge of any other person who gave evidence at the Heiner Inquiry.
17. I have never given evidence or provided any written or verbal statement to any other person, inquiry or body in relation to my employment at the John Oxley Centre.
18. On the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012 I met with Detectives Parer and Mison during which time I provided them with my knowledge of this matter.
19. During this conversation Detective Parer produced to me a photocopy of a hand written document dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1989 signed 'Very Concerned'. I am able to state that I am not the author of this document nor do I recognise the handwriting contained in the document.

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20. On the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012 I e-mailed Detective Parer, for the purpose of accuracy, two typed statement of Service documents outlining the dates and duties of my employment at JOYC.

Dennis Garry EVERETT

**Declaration**

This written statement by me dated 03 October 2012 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 5 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

 Signature

Signed at Wacol this 3rd day of October 20 12

Witnessed:  
 Signature

Name D Parer Rank DSC Reg. No. 10736

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