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## QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

## Statement of Witness

Name of Witness	David Ernest LLOYD			
Date of Birth	27/04/1938  Known to Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER			
Address and contact details				
Occupation	Retired			
Officer taking statement	Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER			
Date taken	19/12/2012			

## I, David Earnest LLOYD state;

- I am a former employee of the department of Family Services [herein referred to as the department]. I commenced employment with the department sometime around 1988 at the John Oxley Youth Centre [herein referred to as JOYC].
- 2. I was initially employed on a part time basis as a 'floater'. This meant I was essentially on call by the Centre to take on shifts when required in the event more staff were needed due to illness or holidays and they needed replacements. In the position of 'floater' I would move between the wings at JOYC as required. For example if there had been a disturbance involving the children I would be called to assist in that particular wing to bolster staff numbers and help settle the situation down. After sometime my shift numbers increased and I became a full time youth worker. I remained employed at JOYC until sometime in 1994 at which time I moved on to another employment opportunity external to the department and youth detention system.
- 3. I recall that when I commenced work at JOYC the centre manager was Peter Coyne and Anne Dutney was the second in charge. Later during my time I recall Ian McIntyre took on the role of manager. There were several managers al of whom I now cannot recall during my time at JOYC.

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- 4. Other staff I recall working with at JOYC include youth workers Olly Isaacs, Eileen Bisby (senior), June West, Lorraine Hayward (senior), Marj Judd, Rudi Pekelharing, Bruce Cassidy, Brad Parfitt, Irene Colmer, Fred Feige, Danny Lannen, Col Bray (senior), Trevor Cox (senior), Warren Christensen, 'Connie', Terry Owens, Jim Douglas, Scott Healing and David Hurikino (cook).
- 5. I recall there being numerous issues at JOYC whilst I worked there. I remember that the kids would often pick on the weak links, that being weaker youth workers. As a result the kids would wait until certain youth workers were on shift and start a riot. Instances such as that caused a lot of staff to take sick leave from stress and also because of physical injuries caused during the riots. As a youth worker you never felt that you were getting full back up from the management. There were continual security issues of staff and children at the centre. Overall I would describe the staff of JOYC as a caring group working in the best interest of the kids however that was not the case in how the children cared for the staff. I personally suffered more injuries whilst working at JOYC than during my 5 year service in the army.
- 6. Overall I would describe JOYC as being an environment not necessarily good for the long term benefit of the kids. The kids would often re-offend to get back to JOYC as life was too easy for them there. There was little discipline and they had all the luxuries such available to them. This caused problems in itself.
- 7. I personally did not have any issues with management during my time at JOYC. I just got on and did my job.
- 8. I do not recall ever joining a union whilst employed at JOYC. At no time do I recall ever preparing any statement, submission or complaint to any person or Inquiry about the management of JOYC.
- 9. The term Heiner Inquiry has no meaning to me; however the name Noel Heiner seems familiar. I can recall a time when some people came out to JOYC to speak with staff. I cannot recall who or why and as no one ever came and spoke to me. I do not know what it was all about. I have no recollection of any JOYC staff discussing things with me either.

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- 10. In relation to allegations of sexual abuses within the youth detention system I can only offer the Commission of Inquiry the following information:
- 11. I personally have no direct knowledge or observations of any sexual abuses or allegations whilst employed at JOYC.
- At some time during my period of employment I remember staff talking about a younger youth worker, having gone on a field trip camping or something. I recall comments being made that was said to have had sex with one of the girl detainees. I do not recall that girls name however I think she was around 15/16 years of age. I remember it being talked about because he had either resigned or dismissed, I do not know. I personally had no direct knowledge of the incident and only learnt that information through staff talk.
- 13. Should any incidents or disclosures ever have come to my attention I would have ensured that I reported them to the senior youth worker, who I would have expected that they would report to management for their action.
- 14. On the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2012 I met with detectives Parer and Mison of the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry at which time I provided them with my statement.

David Earnest Lloyd

## Declaration

This written statement by me dated	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 and contained in the pages numbered					
1 to _3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.						
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