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## QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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## Statement of Witness

Name of Witness	Kenneth Wallace Kleidon
Date of Birth	17/12/1944
Address and contact details	
Occupation	Retired
Officer taking statement	Detective Sergeant J A MISON
Date taken	05 / 10 /2012

## I, Kenneth Wallace Kleidon state;

- 1. I am 68 years of age.
- 2. I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services, [herein referred to as the department].
- 3. I first started with the department in 1981. Prior to working for the department I worked at Boystown for three and half years.
- My first position with the department was as a training officer at the Sir Leslie Wilson 4. Youth detention centre located at Windsor. I then left the Sir Leslie Wilson centre for about two years to work at Warilda as a training officer at Kedron. After these two years I then returned to Sir Leslie Wilson Centre. I was then transferred to the John Oxley Youth Centre [herein referred to as JOYC].
- I am not sure of the year that I was transferred to JOYC but I remember when I started 5. Peter Coyne was the manager. I was employed at JOYC as youth worker. This was a new

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title as youth workers were known previously as training officers. My duties as youth worker included the general supervision of the detainees.

- I was employed at JOYC for about 12 to 18 months. When I finished at JOYC, I 6. transferred back to the Sir Leslie Wilson centre at Windsor. I am not sure of the date when I returned to Sir Leslie Wilson.
- I remember back in those days I was quite involved in my union. This union being the 7. Australian Workers Union also known as the AWU.
- 8. I also remember back then I provided a submission to an inquiry being conducted into JOYC. I remember at the time of this Inquiry the minister responsible for the department was Ann Warner.
- At the time that I provided this submission to the Inquiry I was working back at the Sir 9. Leslie Wilson Centre. My recollection is that my manager at the Sir Leslie Wilson Ms Jan Doyle approached me and asked me to provide a submission for this inquiry that was occurring. I know this inquiry about JOYC has become known as the Heiner Inquiry. I never attended the inquiry itself nor did I ever give evidence to any person. My only involvement is that I provided a submission to my union about management of JOYC.
- My memory of my submission is as follows. At the time of making this submission I was 10. angry about some issues surrounding the management of the centre. My submission was about this poor management. I outlined how there were unsuitable people who were not qualified in the role of senior positions at JOYC and this included the manager Peter Coyne. I also mentioned in my submission some issues surrounding the roster.
- I did not make mention in my submission anything involving sexual abuse at JOYC. I 11. didn't make mention of it because I had only heard rumours. I had heard about an incident at Mt Tamborine involving an aboriginal girl. I was not present as this incident was said to have occurred off site on an excursion. I never went on any excursions whilst I was JOYC.
- 12. I do recall that I prepared the submission from home and it was typed.

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- 13. I recall at some stage later handing my submission to Wayne Mills of the Australian Workers Union. I remember after Wayne looked at my submission he said words to the effect "This is a beauty". I don't know who Wayne gave my submission to.
- 14. Some of the staff I remember from my time at JOYC back then are; Peter Coynemanager, Rudy Pekalharing Training officer/youth worker, Jeff Manitzky training officer to social worker, Fred Feige training officer/senior youth worker, Sabina "Connie" Konicanan youth worker, Eileen Bisby Youth worker, June West Youthn worker, Gordon Teasdale –youth worker, Trevor Cox- youth worker, Douglas youth worker, Lyn Draper senior youth worker, Bruce Goggins youth worker, Lorraine Hayward youth worker, Marge Judd youth worker/nurse, Peter McNeven youth worker, female called Nolan youth worker, P Palmer youth worker, female called Pierce youth worker, David Smith youth worker, Tony Van Vlimmeren youth worker, Chris Edwards youth worker, Bruce Cassidy youth worker, Brien Cartledge youth worker, Paul Hamson youth worker, Colin Bray youth worker, Daryl Hood youth worker, Archie Olde-Woblers youth worker, Michael Roch- youth worker, Lex Clements youth worker, Eric Kaltner youth worker, Kit Mountany Nurse, Lorraine McGregor- youth worker and Terry Owens.
- 15. On Friday the 3rd 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.

## This written statement by me dated 5/10/12 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Signature Signed at Eprons this 8 day of october 20/12 Witnessed: Signature Rank Signature Reg. No. 8065

Declaration