

statements

QUEENSLAND)

TO WIT)

I, of in the State of Queensland, DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE as follows:-

1. I am a retired general medical practitioner who currently resides at in the State of Queensland.
2. I practiced as a doctor for approximately 41 years. I began practice in 1959 and retired on 2 October 1999. I was in private practice in with three or four other practitioners.
3. I am married to and we have three children. We have two sons, and , and one daughter.
4. was born in 1968 and currently lives in London and works as a .
5. attended Primary School and completed Grade 7 at this school in 1980.
6. In 1981, commenced Grade 8 at Brisbane Boys Grammar School.
7. our older son, was two years ahead of and was in Grade 10 at this time at Brisbane Boys Grammar.
8. Both our sons were boarders at the school due to the fact that my wife and I continued to live in .
9. I do not know the exact circumstances of how came to attend upon Kevin Lynch. I do believe that Lynch approached and suggested he see him.
10. I believe that may have been experiencing some initial homesickness at this time. I was aware that his housemaster,

Signed:

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Deponent



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Mr Ron Cochrane, would often invite the boys over to his house, which was on the grounds for tea etc in an attempt to make the boys feel better.

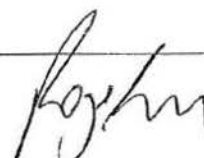
11. One night ^{BQJ} [redacted] rang and spoke to my wife. I do not recall exactly what he said to my wife but it was words to the effect, "Kevin Lynch is a poofter. He put his hands down my trousers and fiddled with my penis".
12. My initial reaction at hearing of this from my wife was that I wanted to go and confront Lynch directly. I felt very strongly about this and wanted to protect my child.
13. I did not know exactly who Lynch was. I believed that he was just another master.
14. My wife suggested that this approach could have negative repercussions on ^{BQJ} [redacted]. We agreed that this was not the way to deal with this matter. We decided that the better way to deal with the situation was to speak with the headmaster at the time who was Mr Max Howell.
15. We felt that this matter could not be dealt with over the phone and so we immediately rang Howell's office and booked an appointment to see him. We spoke to Howell's secretary and made an appointment. We did not mention the abuse to the secretary during this phone call.
16. This occurred sometime in winter 1981 when ^{BQJ} [redacted] was in Grade 8.
17. My wife and I travelled down to Brisbane together. We drove down to Brisbane specifically to support and comfort ^{BQJ} [redacted] and to see Mr Howell regarding ^{BQJ} [redacted]'s allegations. Usually only one of us would make a trip down to Brisbane to drop the boys off at school after holidays. On this occasion, however, we drove down together with the intention of dealing with ^{BQJ} [redacted]'s allegations.
18. We attended on Max Howell in the morning sometime. I estimate that it would have been approximately 11.00am. My wife waited outside Mr Howell's office whilst I went in to speak with him.

Signed:

^{BQH} [redacted]

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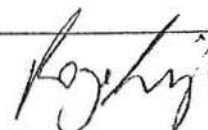
19. When I went in to see Howell, I advised him of the purpose of my visit. I told him, "My son, [BQJ], has told us that Kevin Lynch has been fiddling with his ([BQJ]'s) penis".
20. Howell's first sentence to me, after hearing my complaint was to say, "Are you going to tell the police?" Howell did not express surprise at hearing what I had said but did seem concerned that I might tell someone else.
21. I told him that I did not intend to tell the police as I did not think that the offence was as serious as that. However, I told him that I felt that I should tell someone who was in charge of the school. I then said words to the effect, "If it was an isolated incident, it is up to you (Howell/ the school) to speak with Lynch. If others are complaining as well, I would expect the school to take appropriate action to protect our children".
22. I do not think that I asked Howell whether he had had previous complaints made about Lynch.
23. Howell's attitude remained non-committal. In response to my statements, he said words to the effect, "Yes. Righto. Thanks for telling me". He indicated that he would look into the matter. He then engaged in some pleasantries about how my sons were going generally. The meeting was all over in about five minutes.
24. I am not aware of any follow-up of the matter. I was never contacted by Howell about this subject again. In fact I had no direct contact with Howell during the rest of my sons' schooling at Brisbane Boys Grammar.
25. The complaint concerning Lynch was the first and only direct contact I had with Howell during my sons' time at the school.
26. [BQJ] has told us that he never had direct contact with Lynch again.
27. We have also asked our other son, [REDACTED] whether he was ever abused by Lynch but he states that he never went to see him.
28. I was never aware of any other incidents or trouble that either of my sons had at Grammar.

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- 29. REDACTED went on to become the REDACTED REDACTED in his Senior Year.
- 30. I did tell both BQJ and REDACTED that I had been to see Howell. They were both very embarrassed and said, "Why did you go and do that, Dad?" I explained that we had to protect our children.
- 31. I did not notice any real effect that the abuse had on BQJ.
- 32. On 25 March 2001, my wife and I moved to Brisbane.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of "The Oaths Acts, 1867 to 1960".

DECLARED by the abovenamed)
 Declarant at)
 this 17 day of September)
 2002 before me)

BQH



A Justice of the Peace/Solicitor