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### STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

<b>In the matter of:</b>	Craig TRELOAR - Historical Sexual Assault
<b>Place:</b>	Hornsby Police Station
<b>Date:</b>	05 May 2009

<b>Name:</b>	ATH
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**STATES:**

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
2. I am 65 years of age.
3. My son, ATG was a boarding student at Knox Grammar School for six (6) years of secondary education from 1983 to 1988 (inclusive). His academic record was creditably well above average and he was an active and popular participant in extra-curricular activities including various sports, theatre and cadets. In addition to returning home to REDA REI frequently for vacation periods he also visited the homes of fellow students in Sydney, Newcastle, NSW rural areas, REDACTED
4. During the period mid 1983 early 1987 my wife and I were the proprietors of the REDACTE REDACTED I was subsequently REDACTED My wife was also employed throughout this period as a part-time nursing sister. We visited ATG in Sydney a number of times per year in addition to his regular holiday contacts with us in REDA and in REDAC in late 1987 and 1988. Naturally we were aware of his periods of 'home sicknesses' from regular phone comments and correspondence and perhaps mistakenly, because of his other achievements and social manner, we may have regrettably overlooked the psychological pressures on him in an exposed environment away from home.
5. After his matriculation, ATG successfully continued with tertiary studies at the University of NSW, Kensington. He resided in Basser House and shared student accommodation for the

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years 1989 to 1992 (inclusive). He achieved good academic results and led a lively social life. He proceeded overseas in 1993 to broaden his experiences and he returned to Australia at the end of 1995. We maintained close reciprocal contact throughout his university and travel years.

- 6. I am aware that this statement may be used for purposes of Court case evidence relating to Child Sexual Abuse at Knox Grammar School. In this regard, I would state the following relevant recollections.
- 7. In August 1984 Craig TRELOAR and another Knox Teacher (Mr GIFFORD) had visited us in our REDA home, and they had in fact been our dinner guests. TRELOAR was never a teacher of ATG as he taught at the Junior Preparatory School, however he was known to ATG as he was his Boarding Master. I think they were on a sports related holiday. At the time, TRELOAR impressed us as a clean cut, keen, albeit young, school teacher. ATG and TRELOAR spent time on that visit with our consent at various beaches and popular tourist attractions. I recollect discussions with TRELOAR at the time about courses of study available at REDA tertiary institutions. I do not remember having met or contact with TRELOAR on any other subsequent occasion at the school or elsewhere.
- 8. In ATG's Matriculation year twelve (12) 1988, he engaged in cadet and social activities which were considered by the school authorities to be boisterous and outside normal rules. At that time during the course of our family discussions, particularly about discipline and respecting authority etc ATG relayed to me (and my wife) his previous experiences at age thirteen (13), year eight (8) 1984, with a School Master Craig TRELOAR who he said had lost his respect. He said TRELOAR had shown him dirty sex videos and made overtures for oral sex, which he ATG had rejected. ATG said that TRELOAR had made this overture for oral sex whilst in TRELOAR's room after viewing the pornographic videos. After this incident, ATG had no subsequent contact or relationship with TRELOAR during his remaining school years, but at the same time he said there were a number of other masters who were constant perverts in the boarding house and sports showers. Regrettably, after further family discussion and agreement, we did not pursue these specific matters.
- 9. After conversations with the School Headmaster (Dr Ian PATERSON) in late 1988 prior to ATG's final round of examinations we moved him from the boarding house and relocated him to a friend's home for several weeks to facilitate a better study environment. In early 1989 I engaged in a critical exchange of correspondence with Dr PATERSON mainly about lack of

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suitable student supervision in ATG's school years and the community pressures on adolescents. In our correspondence we did not reach satisfactory conclusions, and in hindsight I now accept that I did not raise the sexual issues with sufficient vigour.

- 10. ATG has recently informed me that he also personally raised the issue of TRELOR's sexual and predatory activities directly with Dr PATERSON at a Knox theatre event later in 1989.
- 11. In 1996 and 1997 after his return from overseas ATG had a difficult time adapting to an Australian lifestyle. At this time and subsequently we had a number discussions and debates about employment opportunities. His memories of the "TRELOR incidents" resurfaced and in conversations on these occasions ATG expanded further on the contents of the videos seen during 1984 which included animal bestiality and adolescent homosexuality etc, visits to a Hornsby X-rated video shop, TRELOR's request for oral sex and ATG's concern that TRELOR was still engaged within the Knox education system in a position of responsibility and authority. I believe this has influenced ATG's underlying reluctance to participate in structured and organised activities.
- 12. In 2007 & 2008 ATG was experiencing personal health problems, particularly depression. In our related discussions ATG's traumas associated with Knox Grammar School in 1984 were pivotal, and they continue to plague him regularly. Thankfully he has found professional counselling beneficial.
- 13. I appreciate that in a 25 year time span some memories are somewhat hazy, however the events recounted above I believe to be accurate due to frequency of the occasions we (as a family) have had to deal emotionally with the unfortunate consequences. Hopefully the current court cases will address the issues in detail.

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