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## STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

<b>In the matter of:</b>	Steven LARKINS
<b>Place:</b>	Newcastle Police Station
<b>Date:</b>	22 August 2011

<b>Name:</b>	Adam FAULKNER
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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 38 years of age.
3. I am on the committee of the Hunter Aboriginal Children's Services (HACS). I have been a committee member since 2006.
4. I am currently the secretary of the committee. I have been in this position for the past two (2) years.
5. My role as secretary is to take minutes of committee meetings. I record the minutes of the minutes and later type them up. I store the minutes and later send them electronically out to committee members.
6. On 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011 I attended an extra ordinary meeting of the committee of HACS at Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC). I took minutes during this meeting. I attach a copy of these minutes to my statement as an annexure (**Annexure 1**).
7. Also present during this meeting was Karen ELPHICK, Michelle MORRIS, Andrew SMITH, Glenda BROWN and Steve LARKINS.
8. This meeting was called because in response to matters raised by Steve in relation to on going staffing issues which dated back to December.

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9. During this meeting Steve discussed what he described as staffing issues and the care of [AD] [AD] was a young person under HACS care.
10. Steve raised issues raised by management at HACS in relation to [AD] and [AD]'s care. I did not know what Steve was talking about so the committee asked Steve were the issues raised in relation to inappropriate behaviour. Steve said no, it was in relation to process.
11. Steve stated during the meeting he had parental responsibility (PR) of [AD] and he was now the primary care giver for [AD].
12. Prior to this meeting I was not aware of Steve being involved in the day to day management of case work.
13. Steve has informed the committee [AD] was living with him and in his care.
14. After this meeting it was clear there was a relationship developed between Steve and [AD] and he was actively involved in his care and management.
15. There is a policy at HACS that a worker at the agency can not be a carer. When Steve was asked about this Steve stated there was a link between him having parental responsibility and his ability to be a carer despite HACS policy.
16. I left this meeting with a clear understanding that Steve was [AD]'s carer and [AD] was living at Steve's house.

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