

**THE ROYAL COMMISSION
INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES
TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

Statement

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1. This statement sets out the evidence that I am able to give to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. My full name is Paul Francis Rutledge and my date of birth is **REDACT** 1953.
3. I am a Barrister in private practice in Brisbane.
4. I was Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions for Queensland from March 2002 to March 2010.
5. I was commissioned as a crown prosecutor for Queensland in 1980. I then was employed as a crown prosecutor until May 1985. Between May 1985 and June 1987 I was engaged in other legal work, including as a lawyer with what is commonly referred to as the Fitzgerald Inquiry from May 1987 to June 1988. I was then employed as a prosecutor with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions in Brisbane from June 1998 to February 1991. I then was appointed as a consultant crown prosecutor with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions from February 1991 to March 2002.
6. I have been asked to provide a statement as to my role in the 2004 decision "not to reprise the prosecution against Scott Volkens, or to recommend that he be recharged."
7. The role that I played in the 2004 decision was to review a new police brief of evidence in relation to the charges against Mr. Volkens and subsequently provide advice to the Queensland Director of Public Prosecutions in relation to that brief. I believe that my memorandum was included in the material that was sent to the New South Wales Director of

Public Prosecutions. I understand that my memorandum to the Queensland Director of Public Prosecutions, dated 13 December 2003, is included in the material before the commission. That memorandum includes more detail concerning my role in the review process. I have no independent recollection of much of the detail of the events recorded in the memorandum. However, I am confident that the memorandum would accurately record what happened in relation to my involvement in the review process.

Dated at *SYDNEY* this *11th* day of *July* 2014.

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Paul Rutledge

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