




Royal Commission
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to Child Sexual Abuse

Statement

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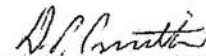
1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I am prepared to give to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. Where direct speech is referred to in this statement, it is provided in words or words to the effect of those which were used, to the best of my recollection.
3. My full name is Trevor Ian Leggott
4. I was born on REDACTED 1949 I am now aged 65

Signed: 

Date:


4-9-2014

Witness:



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Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Re: Statement for Case Study 17 – the Retta Dixon Home

Tony Giugni, Solicitor Assisting (By Email): REDACTED

I write in response to your letter of 21st August 2014 requesting a written response addressing aspects of the scope and purpose of the Commission that are within AIM's knowledge.

I write as the General Director and one who has also been responsible for the keeping of Council meeting minutes for almost 18 years. That being said I can only relate what is known to me personally and that which has come to my attention or the attention of the AIM Council during those past 18 years.

The whole of the extant historical archival record of AIM was placed by me in the NSW State Library for safe keeping, first in 2001, and this has been added to in subsequent years.

I respond to your request addressing aspects of the scope and purpose that are within AIM's knowledge following your points:

4.a.b. AIM's historical organisational structure and policies were set out in the old **AIM Mission Manual** that was in effect until February 2004 when the mission was restructured (Copy attached). Whilst this Mission Manual would give the general operating principles of the mission etc., it does not necessarily indicate how the Retta Dixon Home was specifically operated and overseen. I am not aware of those particulars.

4.c. All of AIM's archival holdings have been placed in the State Library of NSW. We do not retain any other material in relation to the Retta Dixon Home. As far as I am aware any local documentation that was held at the Retta Dixon Home was destroyed during Cyclone Tracey in 1974.


4.d.e.f.g. Current organisational structure, policies and protocols are set out in the **Field Practice and Procedure of Australian Indigenous Ministries** previously supplied to the Commission (Further copy attached).

4.h. I have no personal knowledge or had any correspondence relating to any allegations of child sexual abuse at the Retta Dixon Home, and to my knowledge there has been no correspondence from anyone relating to any such allegation, and nothing has been reported to the AIM Council in the past eighteen years.

I have heard, related by third parties, that there were allegations acted on promptly by personnel at Retta Dixon Home, that these allegations were reported to NT Police for their investigation and action. I assume that this refers to the one named in your letter 3.c.: Donald Henderson. I note your reference in 3.c regarding response of the NT Police Force and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in 1975 and 2002. Whilst the 1975 date predates my involvement with the mission, I can say that AIM has had no correspondence from any party relating to any police or court action from 2002.

Yours sincerely,

Rev Trevor Leggott
General Director

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