



### Statement

**Name** Timothy Edward Rowland  
**Address** Known to the Royal Commission  
**Occupation** Retired  
**Date** 20 November 2014

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. This statement has been prepared on the basis that the Commission will issue a Notice to Produce under Royal Commissions Act 1902 (Cth) s 2(3A) for the production of a signed copy.

### Background and the Hutchins School

3. My full name is Timothy Edward Rowland and I am 66 years of age.
4. I was raised in Tasmania by my mother and father. I am an only child.
5. In 1953, I commenced Kindergarten at the Hutchins School (**the School**). I left the School in 1964.
6. When I left the School, I went and worked for an insurance company in Hobart. I then spent most of my working life as a risk manager for West Farmers and Toll Transport in Perth. I retired in 2008.
7. I am currently married. I have no children.

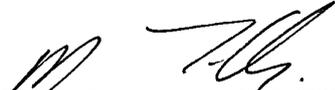
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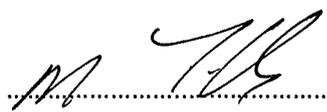
**Child Sexual Abuse by Mr Lyndon Hickman**

8. In late 1963 or early 1964, during French lessons, I was sexually abused by Mr Lyndon Hickman (**Hickman**) on two occasions.
9. On the first occasion, because my marks were so poor in French, Hickman asked me to stay back in class. Hickman took me into his office and basically told me that I was a 'dummy' and that I had to be taught a lesson. Hickman then pulled down my pants and raped me by penetrating my anus with his penis. It lasted for a couple of minutes and I remember he was grunting when he raped me. Afterward, I saw that he had he had a half smirk on his face as if he had enjoyed it.
10. After the sexual abuse finished, I can recall running to the bathrooms and crying.
11. That night I went home with blood on my underpants. When my mother saw the blood she asked me what had happened. I told her that I had been given the cane and my mother didn't ask me again.
12. The second occasion occurred about two weeks later. After having summonsed me to his office, Hickman sexually abused me. Initially, I didn't know why he had called me to his office, I thought he might want to apologise. He again raped me by penetrating my anus with his penis.
13. On this occasion when I went home, I washed the blood out of my underpants myself so that my parents didn't see it.
14. After this occasion, I never really went back to French lessons with Hickman. I recall I may have gone back a few times but I would make excuses up to my father, such as being sick, so that I didn't have to go and see Hickman.

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### Reporting and Disclosure

15. At the time, I reported the sexual abuse to Mr Geoffrey Ayling (**Mr Ayling**). Mr Ayling was young at the time and I think he was the Sports Master. I reported the sexual abuse to him after the second occasion. When I had this conversation with Mr Ayling we were standing near the sports oval. I went over to him and told him what Hickman had done.
16. I said to Mr Ayling that I had been sexually abused by Hickman. I can't recall the exact words now, but I did tell Mr Ayling exactly what had happened and Mr Ayling said "*leave it to me*". They were his exact words.
17. I don't know whether Mr Ayling ever did anything about the sexual abuse I had told him about. I never heard anything back, and from memory, I left the school about five to six months later.
18. I never told my parents about the sexual abuse at the time, because I was ashamed of what had happened to me.
19. About three weeks ago, I received an email together with a letter from the School stating that sexual abuse had occurred at the School by former Headmaster David Lawrence (**Lawrence**) and Hickman and this abuse would be subject to a Royal Commission in Hobart.
20. I then rang the Headmaster of Hutchins and the Chairman of the Board and mentioned that I would like to come to Hobart for the Royal Commission. I told the Headmaster and the Board that I had been sexually abused by Hickman. I can't recall what their

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response was but I later received a phone call from a counsellor from the School, I think his name was 'Alan'.

21. I spoke to Alan and told him what had happened with Hickman and that I was coming to Hobart for the Royal Commission. Alan didn't explain any process for making a formal complaint and I haven't received any documents or policies about how to make a complaint.

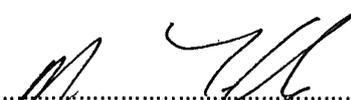
22. The reason I came to Hobart was specifically to see if there were any other old boys who had been sexually abused by Hickman. Over the past two days, I have watched the evidence of former students and I now feel that I also want to get what happened off my chest so that I can help the Royal Commission to ensure that this never happens again.

**Impact of the Child Sexual Abuse**

23. At the time, I felt appalled and afraid. I thought that if anyone had found out people would think I was gay and I would be arrested. At the time it was a criminal offence to have gay sex. This is the reason I never told my parents or any of the other students at School.

24. The only one problem I feel that the sexually abuse has effected, is that I have trouble getting an erection. This I believe, has stemmed from when I was sexually abused by Hickman when I was a child.

25. Other than the erection problem, the sexual abuse has not affected me throughout my life. I have been able to function normally day to day and I was very good at my job.

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