

Supplementary 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. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. I made a statement to the Royal Commission which is dated 1 December 2014. I wish to address some matters in that statement.
3. The second sentence of paragraph 30 should read as follows (ie, the words "*It appeared to me that*" should be added at the start of the sentence):

It appeared to me that it was very well managed, and visitors and residents were always well looked after.

4. Paragraph 68 should read as follows (ie, the second sentence should be omitted):

In or around late 1989, I moved back to Sydney and commenced work with the CSIRO.

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Witness: 

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5. The last sentence of paragraph 74 should read as follows (ie, the words "It is" and "that" should be omitted):

Through this connection between SYA and the mainstream education system yoga has become more accepted in the community.

6. Given the transcripts of the testimony which I have read so far, much of which is new information to me, I no longer adhere to the views expressed in paragraphs 96, 97, 100 and 101. It seems that at least two directors of the ashram institution were directly involved in child abuse. I do not know the law in such matters. There appear to have been extremely serious lapses in judgment and mistakes which allowed Swami Akhandananda to rule unchallenged and to treat people unethically, and which resulted in circumstances permitting for the occurrence of child abuse. In that sense, the institution is, in my opinion, at fault. The victims of this abuse have my deepest sympathies.

Signed: 

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