


## SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF MAJELLA RYAN


I, Majella Ryan, of care of Level 11, 50 Ann Street Brisbane, Assistant Director, Child Safety, in the State of Queensland state as follows:

1. I have provided a statement, dated 26 March 2015, to the Royal Commission.
  2. In response to matters that have arisen during the current sittings of the Royal Commission, which is examining issues in relation to Neerkol, I provide this supplementary statement.
  3. I am aware of the evidence of AYN given to the Royal Commission on 14 April 2015 and the statement of AYN dated 24 March 2015, particularly paragraph 21 of that statement.
  4. I have had regard to the documents that appear at Tab 6 of the Tender Bundle, namely the documents entitled 'History of Farm Home Boy'. These documents appear to record the admission of AYN to the Westbrook Farm Home for Boys on 18 August 1960.
  5. I am aware that a document entitled 'Report - Westbrook Farm Home for Boys Inquiry' by Stipendiary Magistrate Schwarten dated 27 September 1961 (**Attachment 1**) was tabled in the Queensland Parliament on 14 November 1961. That report contains an entry on page 6 that relates to 'Boy 99', who was admitted to Westbrook on 18 August 1960 from St Joseph's Home as a State ward. Boy 99 would appear to be AYN.
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6. At the relevant time, section 11(c) of the *State Children Act 1911* provided that every State child may, from time to time, be transferred from one institution to another with the approval of the Minister.
  7. At the relevant time, both Neerkol and Westbrook Farm Home for Boys were 'institutions' for the purposes of the *State Children Act 1911*.
  8. Departmental records in relation to AYN include a document dated 12 August 1960 (**Attachment 2**), apparently prepared by a Departmental officer in relation to AYN.
  9. Departmental records indicate that AYN had contact with the Department in and around 2001. Those records include a briefing note dated 11 September 2001 (**Attachment 3**) in relation to AYN and an undated letter from the then Minister for Families, Judy Spence MP, to AYN (**Attachment 4**).
  10. I have attached a document (**Attachment 5**), dated 13 May 1958, that records the transfer of AYN to St Joseph's Home.

I make this statement of my own free will believing its contents to be true and correct.

Dated at Brisbane this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015

  
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 Majella Ryan

  
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 Witness