



**Royal Commission**  
into Institutional Responses  
to Child Sexual Abuse

Statement

**Name** BRW

**Address** Known to the Royal Commission

**Date** 27 October 2015

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. My full name is BRW I was born on REDACTED 1945 and I am 70 years old.
3. On 21 October 2002, I signed a police statement regarding events that occurred in 1984 relating to the conduct of a teacher at St Paul's School named Gregory KNIGHT and a meeting I had with the then Headmaster, Gilbert CASE, Bishop WICKS and another person who I think may have been a Deputy Headmaster [QLD.0065.001.0098] (**my 2002 statement**). I adopt the contents of that statement as a true and correct record of those events.
4. I wish to provide further details in relation to some of the contents in my 2002 statement.
5. As I state in my 2002 statement, I came to know KNIGHT quite well because I was heavily involved with St Paul's during my sons' time there. I observed that KNIGHT was very touchy with the boys. As an example, he often put his arms around the students when showing them how to use a musical instrument.
6. The first time I heard about KNIGHT touching a boy inappropriately was when BRX spoke to me one day during 1984. Along with two of my sons, BRX was also involved in the music program at the school and KNIGHT was also his music teacher. I think BRX confided in me because he wasn't getting along with his parents at the time.
7. The conversation I had with BRX was to the following effect:

BRX

*"I'm sick of trying to hide from Mr Knight."*

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Me: *"Why? What's going on?"*

BRX *"He keeps accusing me of having smokes. He keeps putting his hands in my pockets and pulling my privates."*

Me: *"What! How long has this been going on for?"*

BRX *"A long time. As soon as he sees me, that's what he does."*

Me: *"Has he found smokes?"*

BRX *"No. I don't take smokes to school."*

Me: *"Do you want me to talk the headmaster about it?"*

BRX *"Yes."*

8. I then rang St Paul's that same day and spoke with the then headmaster, Gilbert CASE's secretary and made an appointment to see him the following day. I told the secretary that I needed to speak with CASE, but I didn't tell her what I wanted to speak to him about. This is why I was surprised when I attended my appointment with CASE and found Bishop WICKS and the Deputy Headmaster also in the room.

9. The conversation I had with CASE was in words to the following effect:

Me: *"I'm here on behalf of BRX He has confided to me that he doesn't like having to hide from Mr Knight all the time because whenever he comes across him he searches him for smokes and touches him up."*

CASE: *"What are you talking about? I don't believe you."*

Me: *"If you don't believe me, call my son in."*

It was then that my son BRT was called up to CASE's office and the conversation proceeded as I have outlined in my 2002 statement. When CASE made the comment that KNIGHT was *"a good husband, and a father of two kids"*, I can recall that I said words to the effect of, *"No good man plays hide and seek in the nude with Year 7 kids,"* to which CASE replied, *"That didn't happen."*

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10. While CASE, Bishop Wicks and the Deputy Headmaster sat, I remained standing for the entire duration of the meeting. I was never offered a seat at any time during the meeting. The three of us – myself, BRT and BRX – stood the entire time. It made me feel like I was the one in the wrong. CASE did most of
11. the talking. The only time that WICKS spoke was at the end of the meeting when I asked *“what is going to be done about the complaint?”* to which WICKS replied *“there is nothing to be done, because there was nothing going on.”* The Deputy Headmaster didn’t speak at all.
12. After the meeting, BRX and BRT went back to class and I never heard anything further from the school about it. I felt like there was no one else that I could report the matter to given that I had approached the Head of the school and the then Bishop.
13. BRX did tell me that after the meeting KNIGHT started to leave him alone.
14. As I say in paragraph 17 of my 2002 statement, I cannot recall the exact date of the meeting, but I recall it was a few months after the meeting that I heard that KNIGHT had left the school. It was one of my sons that told me that Knight had left. I did not hear anything directly from the school about why KNIGHT had left.

**Recommendations for the Royal Commission**

15. I believe that there should be an independent and impartial person in each school, similar to an ombudsman that students are able to make complaints to without the feeling of being ostracised.

Signed: BRW

Date: 28th Oct. 2015.

Witness: REDACTED

Date: 28/10/15