

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. In preparing this statement, I have been shown certain documents relating to allegations of child sexual abuse within Tennis New South Wales (**Tennis NSW**) perpetrated by Noel Callaghan (**NC**) against ^{BXJ}[REDACTED]. Where I refer to a document in this statement, I have used the document reference number which appears in the top right hand corner of the document to which I refer. I have not independently reviewed Tennis NSW's files or other entities from which these documents have been drawn.
3. 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.

Tennis NSW

4. My full name is Carolyn Langsford and I am 71 years of age.
5. I have held numerous positions within Tennis NSW since 1989 (0005.001.0517), including as a Director for a period of 12 years from 1993 to 2005. Since 1989 I have also acted as a Selector for Tennis NSW and this is a role I continue to perform.

Disclosure to me of allegations of child sexual abuse made against NC by ^{BXJ}[REDACTED]

6. I cannot recall when or how I first became aware of the allegations of child sexual abuse made against NC by ^{BXJ}[REDACTED]
7. I do recall attending a meeting in the Mary Hawton Room at the Northern Suburbs Tennis Association at Talus Street, Naremburn, NSW where the allegations were discussed. I cannot recall when the meeting was. I can only recall the following people attended the meeting:
 - a. Myself, Director of Tennis NSW;
 - b. Craig Watson, CEO of Tennis NSW;
 - c. Dorn Fogarty (dec.), Chairperson and Tennis NSW State Selector; and
 - d. ^{BXJ}[REDACTED]'s mother.

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8. I recall taking hand-written notes of what was discussed at the meeting but these notes are no longer in my possession.
9. I do not recall all of the allegations that were made by [BXJ]'s mother at the meeting, however I recall that one of the incidents occurred at a live-in camp, where it was alleged that NC entered [BXJ]'s bedroom (uninvited) at night after he had been drinking.

Action taken and support provided by Tennis NSW in response to the allegations

10. I recall that at the time I was very concerned about the serious nature of the allegations that had been made, however I cannot recall what steps were taken by Tennis NSW to investigate the matter. I do not recall being involved in the investigation. I believe that Mr Watson would have been responsible for managing these investigations. If I was involved in the investigations, it would have been on the periphery.
11. I also cannot recall what, if any, assistance was provided by me personally or Tennis NSW to [BXJ] in response to the allegations that were made.

Relevant Policies, Procedures and Practices of Tennis NSW between 1995 and 2005

12. I cannot recall what policies or procedures were in place between 1995 and 2005 which related to child protection and the prevention of child sexual abuse and receiving and handling complaints of child sexual abuse.
13. I was recently provided with a copy of a letter sent by Rigby Cooke Lawyers, Tennis NSW's lawyer to various parties that were involved in the investigation of the allegations made by [BXJ] against NC.
14. That letter states that as a result of the incident, Tennis NSW would be:
- "a. reviewing all employment and other contracts to incorporate a code of ethics and a code of conduct which will bind such parties as terms of the relevant contract;
 - b. developing its own code of conduct for coaches, players, managers and other;
 - c. ensuring coaches and squad players are educated on what is and is not appropriate behaviours;
 - d. completing its Anti-Harassment policy and ensuring its distribution and adoption by all relevant personnel (including volunteers, contractors and employees) and that those personnel are educated about it. This policy will extend beyond harassment to all forms of abuse; and

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e. reviewing its constitution and rules to clarify a number of issues which have arisen from this matter."

15. I cannot recall whether those steps were taken, however I have no reason to doubt that they would have been acted upon.

16. At the time of the allegations were brought to my attention, my daughter was suffering from Multiple Sclerosis and living in nursing care. I was heavily occupied with caring for my daughter during and after that period until she passed away in 2002.

Signed: *E. Longford*
Date: *15-3-16*

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