

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO
INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES
TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
REFERENCE: C-NP-1561

VICKI JANE BATTEN
STATEMENT

Taken by Robert Burns on 23 June 2016

I, Vicki Jane Batten of [REDACTED] Marom Creek in the State of New South Wales,
state on oath and say as follows:

1. I was born on the [REDACTED] 1953. I am currently 63 years old.
2. I am currently employed as the Chief Executive Officer of FSG Australia (previously Gold Coast Family Support Group Inc).
3. FSG Australia is a company limited by guarantee.
4. I was born in Auckland, New Zealand and moved to Australia in 1988.
5. I took up Australian Citizenship in approximately 1998.
6. I acquired a Bachelor of Social Science in New Zealand in 1973.
7. My involvement with Gold Coast Family Support Group commenced in January of 1996 after applying for a 20 hour per week position within one of the programs which provided support to children with a disability in childcare.
8. I have remained in the employ of Gold Coast Family Support Group since my commencement until present. I became the Chief Executive Officer of the organisation under its changed name of FSG Australia in 2001.
9. It was on the strength of my previous experience working with children with a disability that I obtained my initial position with Gold Coast Family Support Group.
10. I am aware that there is an Inquiry being conducted into institutional responses to child sexual abuse.
11. I have received a copy of correspondence from the Royal Commission dated 25th of May 2016 annexing a schedule that had a number of items where requests were made of me to provide information.


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12. In response to this request I have prepared a document headed 'Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, 'Annexure A' Questions and Responses.
13. I adopt this document to be a true and correct statement of my knowledge into the matter sought to be addressed by the Royal Commission and attach this document to this my statement.
14. This document also includes the extent of my knowledge of the investigations that were conducted in relation to a complaint associated with a child called Bobbie Welch.
15. In relation to the complaint associated with ^{CIJ} I have no independent knowledge of the complaint. Upon further investigation and enquiry I have recently been provided with a document headed Respite Plus Emergency Funds Application Form dated 22 December 2011 which I believe was submitted to FSG Australia by ^{CIK} for the provision of funds to support respite care for ^{CIJ}. This document shows that an amount of \$525.00 was approved as a contribution. A copy of the document is provided herewith.
16. All the facts and circumstances here in are within my own knowledge and belief, save such as are stated from information only and my means of knowledge and sources of information appear on the face of this my statement.

Dated this day of June
2016 30



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Annette Dawn Osborne


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