



Royal Commission
into Institutional Responses
to Child Sexual Abuse

Statement

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Occupation	Principal, REDACTED Special School
Date	6 July 2015

1. My full name is CIR and my date of birth is REDACTED 1961.
2. I am the Principal of REDACTED Special School, located at REDACTED in the state of Queensland. I have held that position since January 2004.
3. REDACTED Special School is a state school for special students with a diagnosed intellectual impairment and secondary impairments including vision, hearing, physical and Autism disorders.
4. Prior to 2004, I was the Principal of the REDACTED State Primary School for 6 years from 1998 to 2003, and Deputy Principal for 2 years from 1996 to 1997.
5. I have been employed in the Queensland state school education system since 1982.
6. I was awarded a Bachelor of Education by the REDACTED in about 1987.
7. This statement sets out the evidence that I am able 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.
8. I have been shown a copy of the Pseudonym Direction No. O-PU-CTH-41-2 dated 29 June 2016 made by the Honourable Justice Coate for the purposes of Case Study 41 into disability service providers. In this statement, I refer to certain persons by reference to their pseudonym.

Requirement to Produce S-QLD-149

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9. On about 19 April 2016, I received a request from the Department of Education and Training (**Department**) to conduct certain searches in response to a request from the Royal Commission which I understand to be Requirement to Produce S-QLD-149.
 10. The request required a search of all locations where relevant documents could reasonably be expected to be located containing records relating to [CIJ] (date of birth REDACTED 1990) while enrolled as a student

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at REDACTED Special School, including but not limited to documents of school counsellors, principals and teachers. The request sought a response by 27 April 2016.

11. I am aware that [CIJ] was enrolled as a student at REDACTED Special School from January 1999 to December 2008.
12. On about 19 and 20 April 2016, I arranged for my administration officer, REDACTED, to retrieve [CIJ]'s hard copy records from our archive system. The school's system of archiving records is maintained such that each student's file is archived by reference to the year they graduated from the school. In [CIJ]'s case that was 2008.
13. I also arranged for REDACTED to print out a copy of [CIJ]'s electronic records from the school's 'S' drive saved on the local computer system.
14. On about 21 April 2016, I reviewed the archived and electronic records to ensure they were relevant to the request, arranged them by reference to date and/or document type, and provided them to the Department.
15. I believe that a search of all locations where relevant documents could reasonably be expected to be located containing records relating to [CIJ] was conducted, and those records were produced by the Department to the Royal Commission.

Incident reports in about April 2000

16. On about 9 June 2016, I received a further request from the Department to conduct searches for any records relating to [CIJ], specifically with a view to locating any incident reports generated in 2000, including any document that refers to or indicates the existence of any such incident reports.
17. On about 12 June 2016, I arranged for REDACTED to conduct searches of all hard copy and electronic records where such documents could reasonably be expected to be located.
18. No such incident reports were identified for any years prior to 2005.
19. I emailed REDACTED on 13 June confirming there were no incident reports.
20. I understand that at that time, the practice of the school's staff when generating incident reports was to refer to a student by name if the student was regarded as the initiator or creator of the circumstances of the incident in question. However, if the student was seen as the recipient, target or victim then the student would ordinarily be referred to in the incident report anonymously, for example, as 'a student' rather than by name. There were no linked records for that period due to process and poor storage.

Statement of [CIK] dated 27 June 2016

21. I have recently been shown a copy of the Statement of CIK dated 27 June 2016 (Document no. STAT.1039.001.0001_R).
22. I am aware that the school's Principal in 2000 was REDACTED who retired in about 2003.

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- 23. I have also reviewed the school's records and understand that [CIJ]'s teacher in 2000 and cannot locate a name from January to April and it seems REDACTED from May 2000, now retired.
- 24. On about 8 July 2016, REDACTED and I again conducted a search of all locations where relevant documents could reasonably be expected to be located containing records relating to the matters set out in paragraphs 37 to 39 of [CIK]'s statement and have been unable to locate any record of [CIK]'s telephone conversation with REDACTED her meeting with the teacher at the time, or any record of the matters set out in paragraph 39.

CIR

Signed:
 Date: 8/7/16
 Witness: REDACTED
 Date: [REDACTED]

Signature: COLLEEN HOPE

Witness: [REDACTED]