

Statutory Declaration
OATHS ACT 1900, NSW, EIGHTH SCHEDULE

I, Michael John Salmon, of _____ **Redacted** _____, in the State of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I previously provided a Statutory Declaration dated 26 June 2013 in relation to the Special Commission of Inquiry into matters relating to the Police Investigation of certain child sexual abuse allegations in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.
2. At paragraph 7 of the Statutory Declaration I made remarks regarding an 'apparent level of confusion and ambiguity about certain reporting requirements concerning child sexual abuse to the police'.
3. I have been asked by those that assist the Commissioner of the Inquiry, to provide a further Statutory Declaration clarifying and expanding upon the content of my earlier Statutory Declaration, and in particular paragraph 7.
4. In forming the views as set out in paragraph 7 of my earlier Statutory Declaration, this stemmed from discussions which I had with Ms Angela Kyriazopolous (Angela), who I am aware has been an Administrative Officer within the NSW Professional Standards Office (PSO) since its inception.
5. The first such discussion I can recall approximately four (4) years into my role, following the receipt of information in relation to a specific complaint with which I was dealing, the name and precise details of which I am unable to recall. To the best of my recollection, I formed the view at this time that the PSO should probably be reporting allegations involving deceased individuals and/or those individuals accused of offences committed outside the jurisdiction of NSW, to the Police, and whether or not they were the subject of a formal Towards Healing Complaint.
6. After becoming so aware, I recall having a discussion with Angela in general terms about the historical reporting practices and apparent uncertainty as to when the Police were to be notified, however do not remember specific details of this conversation.
7. The second discussion I am able to recall was precipitated by the initial request for information from the Special Commission of Inquiry, and transpired shortly before I executed my 26 June 2013 Statutory Declaration.
8. At this time, I sought to clarify with Angela the reporting practices prior to my commencement with the PSO, including how information was reported, and how my predecessor, Mr John Davoren undertook matters. I recall being informed that Mr Davoren would sometimes attend the then Police Headquarters at Surry Hills to notify of

a complaint, whereas at other times he would do so by phone call or by the sending of a form.

9. The persons who were subject to the confusion identified in my earlier Statutory Declaration, involved PSO staff, including Mr Davoren and myself, for a period.
10. The apparent confusion continued up until approximately the mid to latter part of 2007.
11. In my opinion, the confusion existed for a number of reasons. When I commenced in the position, I did not receive a detailed orientation regarding the role, and essentially adopted the practices that were in place. I therefore reported what I believed should be reported, and at times perceived there to be ambiguity around what needed to be reported from a legal perspective, say in relation to a deceased accused. I did not become aware of any potential deficiencies until my dealings with the abovementioned complaint in or about 2007.
12. The apparent confusion continued up until around the mid to latter part of 2007, and was dispelled during my dealings with the abovementioned complaint.

and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1900*.

Declared at: Sydney on 31 July 2013

Signed

(signature of declarant)

in the presence of an authorised witness, who states:

I, Christopher Siddons, a Solicitor
[name of authorised witness] *[qualification of authorised witness]*

certify the following matters concerning the making of this statutory declaration by the person who made it:

1. I saw the face of the person.
2. I have not known the person for at least 12 months, but I have confirmed the person's identity using an identification document and the document I relied on was

Driver Licence, New South Wales, Redacted

Signed

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(signature of authorised witness)

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