

**COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC  
AND FAMILY VIOLENCE**

*Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950  
Section 5(1)(d)*

**STATEMENT OF LOUISE BAKER**

<b>Name of Witness:</b>	Louise Baker
<b>Date of birth:</b>	██████████
<b>Current address:</b>	████████████████████
<b>Occupation:</b>	Social Worker Manager of Young Women and Young Families Brisbane Youth Service
<b>Contact details (phone/email):</b>	████████████████████
<b>Statement taken by:</b>	Julie Aylward

I, Louise Baker, make oath and state as follows:

1. I am a Manager with Brisbane Youth Service.
2. BYS has supported vulnerable young people aged 12-25 years and their children who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness in Brisbane for over 45 years.
3. The majority of young people supported by BYS have experienced family violence and nearly half have experienced relationship violence in the past, and many are currently navigating intimate relationships that involve violence. Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) is a key driver of homelessness and often leads young people to have interactions with the police and court system.
4. BYS has several programs specifically supporting young people who have experienced DFV. These include a young women's program, healthy relationships groups and for the past two years has had an embedded worker from the Brisbane Domestic Violence Service

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(BDVS). BYS is also part of a Community of Practice that is trialling the K.I.N.D program – an individual psycho-social intervention for young people using violence in their relationships.

- 5. On 23 June 2022, BYS forwarded a submission to the Commission of Inquiry. The evidence that I wish to give to the Commission is outlined in this submission.

**A copy of the submission to the Commission from BYS is attached as Annexure A.**

*OATHS ACT 1867 (DECLARATION)*

I Louise Baker do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- (1) This written statement by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief: and
- (2) I make this statement knowing that if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating in it anything I know to be false.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1867*.

Taken and declared before me at ..... this ..... day of .....2022.

Taken By .....

Justice of the Peace / Commissioner for Declarations / Lawyer

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