



WITNESS STATEMENT OF EMILY MARIE CHURCHES

I, Emily Marie Churches of [REDACTED] in the State of Tasmania, Acting NGO Manager, Strong Families Safe Kids Advice and Referral Line, Tasmania, Mission Australia, 0491 147 309, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am authorised by Mission Australia to make this statement on its behalf.
2. I make this statement on the basis of my own knowledge, save where otherwise stated. Where I make statements based on information provided by others, I believe such information to be true.
3. I have read the witness statement of Ms Rachel Hales (Operations Manager of Bapcare) made to this Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings (**Commission**) and affirmed 29 April 2022 (**Hales Statement**). I agree with the Hales Statement and refer to and adopt paragraphs 8 – 46 (inclusive) of the Hales Statement, and attachments RH-2 of the Hales Statement, for the purpose of this statement.

Background and qualifications

4. I am currently employed as the NGO Manager Strong Families Safe Kids Advice and Referral Line for Mission Australia. I commenced this role on 17 August 2020.
5. Prior to commencing this role, I have completed 15 years of Leadership roles in Non-Government Service provision in Tasmania.
6. I have employment experience and training specific to the diverse service areas I have worked in.

I make this solemn declaration under the *Oaths Act 2001* (Tas).

Declared at [REDACTED], Tasmania [REDACTED]
on 2nd May 2022

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Before me

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[REDACTED] Solicitor
[Commissioner for Declarations]