

Wednesday 6 May 2020

Statement by [redacted] relayed to  
Brendan Wright at Moranbah Hospital  
at approximately 6:30pm.

I was approached by [redacted] wife, to ask  
if I could go in and see [redacted] privately at his  
request. I did that. [redacted] told me he would  
like to tell me his version of what happened  
before he was transferred to Brisbane. I said  
I was happy to do that, and listened to his  
recount of what happened. I did not take notes  
at the time. [redacted] of what happened  
is below.

START

[redacted] Injured coal mine worker 5:

I was walking along the face from the  
Mangate to the Tailgate to relieve the guys  
for crib. I was at about 70-80 chock when I felt a  
burst of air, like a pressure burst, from the Tailgate.  
The burst of pressure knocked me over to the ground,  
and I felt a second burst of pressure from the  
Tailgate. There was a Yellow Flame. I was on the  
ground when the Yellow Flame happened. I thought I  
was going to die. I tried to get my rescuer on, but  
I couldn't, The dust + it was dark, I fumbled the  
rescuer and couldn't get it on. One of the boys  
coming past grabbed me and helped me up,  
and we started walking towards the Mangate.

END

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The statement [redacted] from Injured coal mine worker 5 is my best recollection, and is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Brendan Wright.