

STATEMENT in the matter of:  
Inquest into deaths in 1998 Sydney to  
Hobart Yacht Race

Place: FSC LAC  
Local Area Command

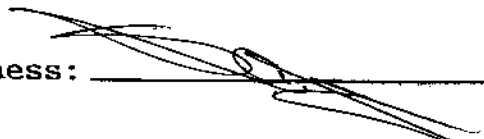
Date : 5 August 1999

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Occupation: Inspector of Police STATES:-

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable for prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 45 years of age.

3. About 6.10am on Monday, 28 December, 1998 I had a conversation with the Commander for Far South Coast Local Area Police Command, Superintendent John AMBLER at Batemans Bay Police Station. He told me that he had received several telephone calls during the night from Eden Police informing him of severe weather and ocean conditions leading to many yachts in the Sydney to Hobart race being damaged and crews needing to be rescued. As a result of our discussions I drove to Eden Police Station, arriving about 10.50am that date and spoke to the police officer on duty, Senior Constable Nick MARKULIN. He provided me with a copy of the log recorded overnight (copy attached to my statement 'A'), with regard to activities involving distressed yachts and crew in the Sydney to Hobart Race. He also provided an oral briefing of events as known at that stage including his belief that approximately 42 yachts were moored in Eden Harbour having sought refuge from the severe conditions.

Witness: 

Signature: 