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## NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CORONER'S COURT

STATE CORONER: J B ABERNETHY

THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2000

5/98 - EVENT OF THE 1998 SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

INQUEST INTO THE DEATHS OF JAMES MICHAEL LAWLER  
 MICHAEL BANNISTER  
 BRUCE RAYMOND GUY  
 PHILLIP RAYMOND CHARLES SKEGGS  
 JOHN WILLIAM DEAN  
 GLYN RODERICK CHARLES

Mr A Hill with Mr M Papallo assisting the Coroner  
 Mr J Harris for The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia  
 Miss C Adamson for Mr R Kothe

**PART HEARD**

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CORONER: Before we start, Mr Harris, those proofs, where are you up to?

HARRIS: Proofs of evidence?

CORONER: Yes.

HARRIS: I think the bulk of them would be with Mr Hill by approximately a fortnight, your Worship.

CORONER: A fortnight?

HARRIS: Yes.

CORONER: All right, I'll go along with that.

HARRIS: They are well on under way but--

CORONER: That's the 21st. What's the delay, what's the problem?

HARRIS: Well simply the amount of work involved in it.

CORONER: Well how many are you getting?

HARRIS: Well everyone that's been called, your Worship.

CORONER: All right, I'll go along with that. The 21st. I'll make a note on the papers I think to remind myself.

HARRIS: The major problem is with Mr Balls. We've contacted him but he's in the Philippines at the moment.

CORONER: I understand there will be problems. I don't push it too hard, but if I could have the proofs to Miss