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NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CORONER'S COURT

STATE CORONER: J ABERNETHY

FRIDAY 21 JULY 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 assisting the Coroner
 Mr R Stanley QC for the Bureau of Meteorology
 Mr R Weber for the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
 Mr R Lancaster for the Australian Maritime Safety Authority
 Mr Remington for Mr Lew Carter
 Mr PR Callaghan SC for the Royal Australian Navy

PART HEARD

LANCASTER: May it please the Court, my name is Lancaster, I seek leave to appear on behalf of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

CORONER: Leave is granted, Mr Lancaster, welcome on board.

REMYINGTON: Your Worship, my name is Remington, Mr Colefax won't be with us this morning so with your leave I'll be appearing for Mr Carter.

CORONER: Leave is granted, Mr Remington. Do you have something Mr Weber before we start?

WEBER: I just wish to update the Court in relation to Mr Green, your Worship.

CORONER: Yes.

WEBER: Mr Green's signed statement was served on the Crown last night and has been disseminated amongst the other parties this morning. I'm instructed that he flies in to Sydney from New York on Sunday. Because of the time differences between Sydney and New York and the fact that people are in Court we haven't been able to make contact with him and so he's unaware that he might be required on Monday in Court. If it's still desired we will do our best to get him here. We think it's sub-optimal getting him straight off a plane but anyway if it needs to be done, it needs to be done.

HILL: I made that remark about calling him on Monday if he was in Australia. I'm quite happy to try and fill some