

## Chief Executive Officer

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Sir William Deane, AC, KBE
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
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Your Excellency

I am writing to thank you for taking time out to visit our Rescue Co-ordination Centre and thank staff during the recent tragedy that befell the Sydney/Hobart Yacht Race.

You will be aware that this rescue was the largest maritime rescue ever undertaken in Australia and all the rescue services from Government employees to volunteers performed magnificently during this trying period.

My staff in the Rescue Co-ordination Centre greatly appreciated your visit as, although they co-ordinate the rescues they are not often acknowledged for the work that they do. Your visit therefore was very much appreciated.

I would also like to add my sincere gratitude for the time you took in visiting AMSA.

Yours sincerely

Clive Davidson

5 January 1999