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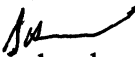
Dear sir/madam,

Having just read the Opening Statement by President of The Commission of Enquiry into the loss of HMAS SYDNEY 11, The Honourable TRH Cole AO RFD QC. I am pleased to comment that I am most impressed by the tone of the Commissioners approach to this vexing question.

As a direct family member of one of the crew of the Sydney (LCDR R.D.Handcock) who has often thought of the loss of my uncle and been disturbed by the sometimes sensation media and so-called 'truth at last' books etc. that a report such as Commissioner Cole proposes will provide a welcome closure to the tragedy.

I can only wish Commissioner Cole and his staff all the best in a difficult task.

Sincerely


Brian Handcock
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