Ms J Towner
Submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade: Defence
Sub-Committee: Inquiry into the circumstances of the sinking of HMAS Sydney
Parliament House
Canberra
ACT

April 27, 1998

Dear Ms Towner,

Further to your request that the HMAS Sydney Foundation Trust specify the costs associated with completion of its programme to identify a final target area, please find enclosed our submission.

Should funds be awarded before June 30, 1998, the programme would be completed by December 31, 1998. In implementing this programme the Trust will correspond with, and solicit the views of all interested parties, and, where we are unable to resolve differences in a specific area, indicate the nature and source of that difference in our Report.

This submission has been prepared in response to the 16 April request from the Chair of the sub-committee that the HMAS Sydney Foundation Trust prepare a submission specifying the costs associated with completion of our analysis of the positions of HSK Kormoran and HMAS Sydney.

The Trust has also given consideration to the proposal made by Don Pridmore to the Parliamentary Inquiry on 17 April, 1998 that it act as a Clearing House for all interested parties. Section 2 of this submission deals specifically with this proposal.

A further submission is being prepared in response to your request that we identify costs associated surveying a series of search areas. Our technical committee is currently undertaking this work. We are in addition considering options for memorials to those lost on HMAS Sydney and preparing suggestions. Both these submissions will be available in due course and will be forwarded to you accordingly.

Yours sincerely

Ed Punchard
Chairman

1 All persons who have submitted or published material pertinent to the location of the wrecks, a list that will include persons associated with the 1991 forum, the 1997 forum, submissions to the Parliamentary Inquiry, and people who have published other papers, articles or books on the topic.
SECTION 1

TRUST ADMINISTRATION

To date the day to day management of the Trust has been undertaken by Trustees or as donated activity by companies associated with trustees. In particular Ed Punchard and Ted Graham, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Trust have undertaken this work.

Owing to the limitations on their time this has restricted the pace that the Trust has been able to push forward important areas such as the development of wide ranging links with families and other interested parties, through the so called 'Friends of the Trust'.

To resolve the issue of effective management of both the day to day running of the Trust and development of such important areas, a part time manager of significant calibre is required, along with some basic facilities.

This manager would be chosen both on the basis of their general skills and experience and their understanding of issues specific to HMAS Sydney. A retired ex-service person may for example be suitable. Secretarial services (half day per week) would be obtainable on a voluntary basis.

Salary (based on Two day week, one year) 20,800
Office Equipment 4,000 24,800

SECTION 2

TASK ANALYSIS

2.1 Review and revise hindcast analysis

The hindcast analysis depends on a number of fundamental assumptions about the oceanography and meteorology of the area and the period. Extensive discussions involving oceanographers and AMSA staff have resolved many of these issues. But some additional work is required to resolve specific questions concerning (a) reconstruction of the November winds for 1941, and (b) simulation involving all of the variables to establish probability regions for the drift objects.

Coordination: Trust 2,000
Consultation: Oceanographers 10,000 12,000

2.2 Analysis of reports provided by Kormoran survivors

The Trust plans to prepare a relational database to facilitate analysis of the reports provided by Kormoran survivors. The database component of this task will be prepared by a Research Assistant working under the supervision of the Trust in Perth. The search component of this task will be implemented in identified files in the Australian Archives (Canberra & Melbourne) and Australian War Memorial by a Research Assistant working under the supervision of the Trust. The database will be made available to all interested parties.

Coordination: Trust 4,000
Database development: Research Assistant (Perth) 8,000
Archival work: Research Assistant (Canberra & Melbourne) 8,000
Charts and geographical support: Fugro Survey 4,000 24,000.

2.3 Enhancement of oral history database from Port Gregory

It is proposed that the Trust works in collaboration with the oral historians in the Port Gregory area to prepare a database for this material. This project will use the cognitive and surveying expertise of Trustees to enhance data analysis, data presentation, and preparation of charts. It is not anticipated that this project will involve adjudication about the location of the wrecks. The project is recommended in order to raise what may be significant historical and heritage material to publication standard.

Coordination: Trust 2,000
Consultation: Port Gregory 2,000
Travel costs: Trust 1,000
Survey, chart and GPS costs: Fugro Survey 2,000 7,000.

2.4 Final Report

The Trust will prepare and submit a Final Report to Parliament concerning the above issues and search recommendations on or before December 31, 1998.

Authorship: Trust 8,000
Charts 4,000 12,000.

1 Consultancies will be restricted to non-Trustees.
2 The Trust can identify the critical files for this work and a new 'search' is not therefore required. The Trust will never the less seek advice from the AA and AWM to ensure that all sources of survivor reports held in Australia are included.
TASKS ANALYSIS SUMMARY OF COSTS

The costs associated with supervision of the programme, implementation of specific tasks, and preparation of the Report are estimated at $57,000. This figure can be further broken down as follows:

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SECTION 3

On 16 April, 1998 Don Pridmore of World Geoscience proposed to the Parliamentary Inquiry that the Trust act as a 'Clearing House' for matters associated with the search for HMAS Sydney.

The Trust was established to facilitate a search for the wrecks for memorial reasons. It was structured to achieve this objective by inviting participation from individuals and organizations with significant expertise in areas relevant to the search. It was not therefore established to adjudicate among parties with competing claims to expertise. However, because its actual structure includes public figures with political experience and a commitment to quality rather than any particular solution or enterprise, it would be a simple matter to de-couple the two forms of expertise in the Trust, and re-establish and re-structure it with an independent arm responsible for the management of adjudication procedures in the scientific and technical arenas.

REMOTE SENSING EVALUATION

One domain where independent review and evaluation would be invaluable involves remote sensing. The Trust is aware of three over-water procedures that purport to provide information that could be used to draw inferences about the presence or absence of wrecks on the seabed. It is our recommendation to the Parliamentary Inquiry that, in addition to the projects outlined above, it support a review and evaluation process for the remote sensing procedures. The costs associated with this additional item are summarised below.

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* Project Coordination and Report Preparation apart, it is assumed that all interested parties including trustees and non-trustees will provide their expertise and time on a pro bono basis.
**OVERALL COSTS SUMMARY**

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**DEFENCE SUB-COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE SINKING OF HMAS SYDNEY**

SUBMISSION No 64A

PARLIAMENT HOUSE MELBOURNE

FRIDAY MAY 1, 1998

**ORAL SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION OF EDWARD McGOWAN**

Thank you for this opportunity to speak in support of my earlier written submission that is to be located commencing at page 887 in Volume 5 of the printed Submissions.

A number of additional matters have arisen in the interim and in fact, my research continues and is incomplete.

In the second last paragraph of p.890 I refer to an inference I believed could be drawn from the language of the terms of reference, that the raft and body brought ashore on Christmas Island was from Sydney.

In preparing that part of my submission I was also mindful of other matters that had earlier come to my attention which supported that view.