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COACHES APPOINTMENTS - BRIEFING NOTES:

- **The swimming writers** have been chasing this story for two weeks with **Nicole Jeffery, Wayne Smith** and **Janelle Miles** in particular hot on the trail, with speculation rife as to who has been appointed. Stories have appeared in Friday's press. - **It was always** going to be a tough call to keep this all quiet for a week.
- **There will be** "some flack" with regard to Scott's appointment but the plan is to be positive and to remain positive – it is a positive story for Australian Swimming – success at the Olympics has always been paramount in Volkens and Sutton's minds.
- **Greg Hodge** to brief **Alan Jones** and **Charles Turner** as soon as the two coaches have been confirmed. Important to have Jones on side.
- **AOC president John Coates** has already supported the appointments with quotes to be included in press release.
- **Ian Hanson** is awaiting positive quotes from **Susie O'Neill**
- **Ian Hanson** has already briefed **Don Talbot, David Mason** and **Alex Baumann** as to the running sheet - **Don Talbot's** comments will be supportive
- **HSM** to send out press releases/profiles to swimming writers at 12 Noon and other press at 2.30pm.
- **Scott Volkens** should **NOT** be trapped into talking about the charges which were dropped two weeks ago. He should talk only about the future and the positive nature of his appointment (see quotes below). I reiterate he should **NOT** dwell on the events of the past six months – that is dead and buried.
- **Greg Hodge, Glenn Tasker** and **John Devitt** should **NOT** talk about the Scott Volkens issue and remain firm that he was considered to be the best man for the job. His record speaks for itself.
- **Greg Hodge, Glenn Tasker** and **John Devitt** are likely to be questioned on the "**other coach**" issued (Catriona Biekoff story, *Daily Telegraph*) and should refer all statements to **Glenn Tasker** as was agreed by the ASI solicitors – Tasker to release the current state of the matter (reference to legal discussions) if asked.



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- **Ian Hanson** to convene Telstra Conference call featuring swimming writers (see running sheet) – John Devitt and the two coaches to be interviewed around the call. Tasker to be asked to add anything.
 - **The experience of the selection panel – Lynne Bates (chairman) Glenn Tasker, Kieren Perkins, David Urquhart and Greg Hodge** – will be a positive for the media – it gives the decisions complete credibility. Urquhart to speak as a representative of ASCTA – will add credence to the decision.
 - **ASI** to brief ASC, sponsors