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### **HEAD WOMEN'S COACH NOTES:**

**Likely questions from the media to Australian Swimming** (ie. Glenn Tasker, Greg Hodge, John Devitt).

**QUESTION:** "Why has Scott Volkens been appointed Head Women's Coach of the Australian Team just two weeks after charges against him were dropped by the Director of Public Prosecutions?"

**ANSWER:**

**VOLKERS:** "All I want to say is this – that coaching is my life, coaching at the highest level is what I have strived for and coaching at the Olympics is the highest and most challenging of any coaching appointment. I am absolutely thrilled with the appointment and cannot wait to start work. Coaching is my passion and believe you me I will be doing everything in my power to prepare these athletes to the best of my ability."

### **HEAD MEN'S COACH NOTES:**

**QUESTION:** "Is it a **shock** that Alan Thompson has not been re-appointed as Head Men's Coach after the success of the team in Manchester and Yokohama?"

**ANSWER:** "Alan Thompson was one of four highly qualified and respected applicants which also included another previous Head Men's Coach in Doug Frost, as well as 2000 Olympic coach Ian Pope and the successful applicant, Brian Sutton.

"The standard of coaches who applied for this position was outstanding and any one of them could have held this position but Brian Sutton who was the Head Men's Coach at a very successful World Short Course Championship in Moscow this year has the most Olympic experience of any of the applicants.

"It was always the plan to review the appointments at the end of 2002 with the view to appointing the Head Coaches for 2003 and 2004 and that process has been carried out."

**GENERAL QUOTES:** Both Brian and Scott have the longest Olympic coaching association of any of the applicants with Brian Sutton coaching swimmers on to every Olympic team since 1988 and Scott Volkens on to every team since 1992 and he actually coached his first Olympian in 1984.