

1 And then we have John Mullally who admitted in
2 testimony that he was aware of the political significance
3 Westray had for the government and felt it desirable for
4 the Department of Resources to help Westray meet its
5 production commitments.

6 And, finally, there's Donald Cameron. Judging from
7 the tone of the testimony of the former premier, Westray
8 was all about politics from the start to the finish and
9 even today he is unable to distinguish political
10 posturing from objective reality.

11 We submit, Mr. Commissioner, you should find that
12 the public officials responsible for regulating the
13 Westray Mine were affected in the performance of their
14 duties by political controversies surrounding the mine.

15 The third reason for looking closely at the
16 government support given to Westray is because in
17 significant instances, the people who helped put the
18 package of assistance together were the same people who
19 were responsible for regulating the mine and this created
20 a serious conflict of interest at the highest level of
21 the Department of Natural Resources, a conflict which was
22 recognized by the Department's senior solicitor at the
23 time.

24 Now consider this: In November and December of
25 1991, Pat Phelan, the Director of Mines, had reached a