

1 supervisors, by second-level supervisors, by the
2 engineering staff, and by senior executives of Curragh.

3 It has been suggested that if things were as bad as
4 the miners said they were, there should have been more
5 complaints inside and outside the company. I've already
6 dealt with the series of complaints to the Department of
7 Labour and what happened to them. The evidence is that
8 there were numerous complaints inside the company as
9 well. The men took their concerns to their supervisors,
10 to their overmen, they complained to the engineers and to
11 Curragh executives such as Graham Clow. Some went to
12 Roger Parry and Gerald Phillips. Given the
13 circumstances, Mr. Commissioner, it's not clear what more
14 they could have done to draw attention to their concerns.

15 Now because there has been no challenge to the
16 evidence of the miners about their working conditions,
17 there's no need to review it in any detail. I just want
18 to deal with a couple of specific issues that arise from
19 their testimony.

20 First, is the suggestion that underground employees
21 deliberately engaged in unsafe acts that endangered
22 themselves and their fellow workers. Some of those
23 allegations came inside this hearing room, but others
24 came from outside, from somebody who has not done what my
25 clients have done, and that is come here voluntarily to