

1 result of this tragedy. This public interest must be
2 protected by a responsible public authority supported by
3 the law.

4 I began my remarks, Mr. Commissioner, by describing
5 the four principles we say should be embodied in your
6 recommendations. Stop deregulation. Train inspectors.
7 Make the regulators accountable, and make the system
8 transparent. However, if you produce the kind of report
9 we're confident you will, it will be of no value unless
10 it's put into action. And today we put the government on
11 notice that we will not let your report gather dust. We
12 will insist on having your recommendations implemented,
13 and we will not rest until they are.

14 If you produce the kind of report we expect you
15 will, we will take it to the government of every province
16 and territory in this country and work hard to have your
17 reforms adopted. And in that sense, Mr. Commissioner,
18 this is just a first step in righting the wrongs of
19 Westray.

20 In conclusion, I want to thank Commission counsel,
21 Mr. Merrick and Ms. Campbell for their assistance during
22 these hearings, Commission staff, Ms. Isenor, Ms.
23 MacDonald, Ms. Yazbek, and thank yourself, Mr.
24 Commissioner, for the careful and considerate way you've
25 conducted these hearings.