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1 the words of the miners themselves. These are not my
2 allegations. But I think the issue of that meter on that
3 -- that methane meter on that continuous miner 2002 seems
4 very important. And it has been really kept from the
5 public.

6 I got this from the Inquiry, it's an interview of --
7 the RCMP interview of Mick Franks is what I'm looking
8 for.

9 COMMISSIONER Mr. Franks did give extensive evidence to
10 the Inquiry and I believed covered those points. So --

11 A. I just wanted to --

12 COMMISSIONER -- it is a matter of public record, Mr.
13 Cameron.

14 A. Yeah, I did want to just run over it again because
15 he said very clearly that the day before that he saw
16 Arnie Smith change that methane meter on that. And when
17 I read his testimony, he wasn't sure how much he changed
18 it, because he said, "Well, that wouldn't be right
19 because he didn't change his spans," I think the exact
20 words were. "So I don't know what it would be. I don't
21 know what that machine would be set at." And that's in
22 the RCMP testimony. So it's not that he just adjusted it
23 up to 1.5, but then he made the follow-up statement,
24 "Well, I don't know what it would be because he just used
25 a zero button and the spans weren't changed. So at the