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1 Is Westray an example of where too much political
2 injection is detrimental and causes harm, ultimately?

3 A. I would have to understand what you mean by
4 "political injection." If you're saying that people that
5 are elected, are elected politicians, that they have --
6 were involved too much in this issue, I would like to
7 address that. If you're saying just the political aura
8 that it takes on, then that's a different situation.

9 Politics can kill a project. I remember when I was
10 in Opposition, we killed a cruise ship proposal that the
11 Government did at that time. We just talked about it
12 every day. We made fun of it; we hammered it. Well, the
13 cruise ship industry is a big industry today. The fact
14 that Nova Scotia was going to do it back then, maybe they
15 were just a little bit ahead of their time.

16 I think about the Clairtone plant up here at
17 Stellarton. It became a very, very political issue. And
18 it was talked about all the time. Well, these people,
19 they thought that coloured TVs was the future. And
20 because all the political nonsense was going around it,
21 we wouldn't support that concept. Well, dear knows where
22 we would be today if we had the courage to do that. So
23 politics on its own can kill -- can kill.

24 Now if you're asking about elected people getting
25 involved in projects, you're judged on that. You know, I