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1 sometimes with a loss of life, because of being caught up
2 in all of this stuff? How do we sort the good from the
3 bad? Are you able to give me any further guidance on
4 that, from your perspective?

5 A. Well, clearly, you would have to look at each
6 proposal on its merits. And you can't get tangled -- on
7 its own merits, each proposal. You can't get tangled up
8 in this kind of nonsense here. I mean, that doesn't
9 serve anyone. All it does is it causes -- it causes
10 friction. It is not the kind of relationship that people
11 expect between levels of Government. And so when a
12 project comes in, it shouldn't be, "Well, look, we liked
13 DEVCO. We gave them \$2 billion, so let's -- let's
14 support them and we will look -- we will hunt the whole
15 country down and every department to find ways that we
16 can scuttle this project. I don't think that's the basis
17 of good negotiation or good relations between -- between
18 provinces.

19 Q. You just said something that may be very valuable.
20 You said that you should allow these projects to be
21 decided on their merits?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. I wonder, using Westray as an example, whether
24 politicians should learn that there is good support and
25 then there is excessive political support.