

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 was a feasible project. So you have the experts or so-  
2 called experts saying this is a feasible project. You  
3 have this effort going on for years to try to take care  
4 of the pollution problem. You have the private sector  
5 come in and, over a number of years, identify the low-  
6 sulphur coal. It seemed like a very logical progression,  
7 for me, that any government would say, "This is a lot  
8 cheaper than installing scrubbers, and we can save money  
9 and we can solve a problem."

10 To say that it's just a matter of saying I want a  
11 coal mine and that's it, I mean this coal mine was  
12 committed before I was even involved. So it wasn't -- it  
13 wasn't as you portray it, that, you know, Government  
14 decides they're going to have a coal mine put up there,  
15 be damned with everything else. That's not the way it  
16 happened at all. If you're saying that's the way things  
17 happened; no, they shouldn't happen that way.

18 COMMISSIONER Well, we have all --

19 A. There should be a reason.

20 COMMISSIONER Mr. Cameron and Mr. Merrick, we have all  
21 of this in evidence.

22 MR. MERRICK Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER You know, and I think I've got a  
24 conclusion to draw and leave it with me, please.

25 MR. MERRICK It -- let me just ask one last question on