

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 if emphasises are put on it, I think you're going to see  
2 more involvement by elected people to try to provide jobs  
3 for the people that they represent.

4 So, you know, I'm certainly not against standards  
5 set for any group in our society, but I just really never  
6 gave it a great deal of thought.

7 Q. All right. Let me ask you this, just a clar -- a  
8 point of clarification from your evidence yesterday. You  
9 said that you had had discussions with Mr. Phillips when  
10 he had told you that they had not intended to go into the  
11 Southwest district early on and that they might mine that  
12 later. Can you tell me when those discussions were and  
13 can you be any more explicit as to what was discussed?

14 A. I remember, this was at the very beginning, there  
15 wasn't anything there, and they had a big plan of the  
16 whole seam. And said that they would go in, drive their  
17 tunnels north and there would be a retreat mining method  
18 used. And he told me that was the safest way to mine  
19 coal. That -- I think he made a comment about Lingan.  
20 That it was going to decrease the life at Lingan because  
21 it wasn't developed in the same fashion. So they would  
22 go in this way.

23 And then I do remember him saying, "This area over  
24 here, we'll probably mine that on the way out. It will  
25 be the last. And if we can find better seams of coal,