

MR. CAMERON - OPENING ADDRESS

1 three percent? And those things are important because
2 somehow when that flame lit at the continuous miner and
3 went up on the roof and the men were running, it went to
4 an area that it could explode.

5 You know, I don't see why we can just -- because we
6 don't like to hear these things, that we can sweep them
7 under the carpet. And I resent people, when they say
8 that this is blaming the victims, the victims --

9 COMMISSIONER I want to make it per --

10 A. -- are the people that died.

11 COMMISSIONER I want to make it perfectly clear, Mr.
12 Cameron, when you use the term "we" that you are not
13 including me --

14 A. No, I will --

15 COMMISSIONER -- because I'm not part of that "we."

16 A. No, I wouldn't do that, Commissioner.

17 COMMISSIONER No, okay. I'm here quite independent of
18 the "we."

19 A. Commissioner, I'm not inferring that --

20 COMMISSIONER Okay, I just want --

21 A. -- and I'm sorry if you took --

22 COMMISSIONER I just want to get that on the record;
23 that's all.

24 A. The bottom line, that this is a very, very important
25 issue, and it's not fair to say we're blaming the