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1 decision and the Premier made a final decision to go
2 ahead with the deal on his own. I really can't recall us
3 ever getting to that point. I don't know. Maybe we were
4 going to go with some more effort to see what kind of
5 deal we can negotiate. I don't know. But, you know,
6 this is a long time ago.

7 Q. At some point, did the Provincial Cabinet say,
8 "We're prepared to negotiate a deal with Westray
9 ourselves"?

10 A. Well, there was certainly lots of talk about what
11 would happen if they shut down this project halfway
12 through. I mean, we were pretty committed to the -- the
13 plant was designed for high ash coal--low sulphur. It
14 was being built, under construction. So you know, I
15 think there was a pretty strong feeling that, "Look, we
16 have a right to reduce environmental hazard in that area.
17 We're not going to double it as these guys want us to."
18 And I think there was a lot of people that would say,
19 "Yeah, we'll look at the cost of putting a scrubber there
20 if it's possible. We'll look at the cost of burning low
21 sulphur coal. I think some people even thought about
22 taking low sulphur coal in.

23 Q. But my question to you was: At some point in time
24 through here, can you recall if Cabinet actually took the
25 position that they were prepared or the Province was