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J: (inaudible)..result in Queensland?

PM: Well, let's say I think it's an important result for the Queensland Labor Party, for Wayne Goss, and I think a bad result for the Liberal Party because they spent just on a million dollars there, trying to berate the Federal Labor Government. So there's no comfort for the Liberal Party in this. And, also, their claim that this is the end of the decade of Labor, I think that's just a bit premature.

J: (The conservatives) are claiming a swing of about four per cent against Labor in marginal federal seats.

PM: Well, that's what they're down to. Next thing they'll be down to two and three per cent swings in municipal wards. I mean, they're flat out finding some comfort in this, and even that we'd need to analyse. The fact of the matter is, the Federal Liberal Party spent a lot of money here trying to say that this should be fought on Federal issues and, basically, I'm afraid, Dr Hewson and Mr Robb have taken a big loss, a big L.O.S.S.

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J: (inaudible)

PM: Well, I'm going to Japan, and to Singapore - and to Cambodia - but to Japan and Singapore, not on any initiative or to address particular things but to take the opportunity of a general discussion about development in the region, about the bilateral relationship between Australia and Japan, about trade trends generally in the world, and doing the same thing in Singapore. Now, I'm quite sure Japan has not been pleased by the remarks of the Leader of the Opposition, but they are a mature country, they're used to other countries arguing with them about particular things, and that's why I won't have any problems, I don't think, making it clear that Labor will maintain a good, working, friendly relationship with Japan and, of course, absolutely, with Singapore.

J: (inaudible)

PM: Well, I said something about that yesterday. The motor industry is arguing with the stridency of Dr Hewson. The fact is that with zero tariffs they'd basically be wiped out. The Government's made the right judgment about tariffs, we've brought tariffs down but not to the point where we won't have an industry. Thank you.