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PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT - OPENING OF ALLAN GRIFFITHS' ELECTORATE
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P.M.: ... Finally I simply want to say this to you - that there will be an election I believe either in December to March, end of this year, early next year. I've made that quite clear, I've made it quite clear that we will do that because it's going to be best for this country to combine an election of the House of Representatives with the half Senate election which must be held by May of next year. People don't want to have an election now and then another election in twelve months' time. If we do that that will be the 23rd time in the history of this country that you've had the House of Representatives and the half-Senate together. And my point to you is and I'd make also a further point that when that election is held it will be held in conjunction with a referendum which we'll put to the people of Australia asking them to endorse the concept of simultaneous elections so that never again will conservative governments be able to put elections our of kilter in the way which they've so consistently have in the past and get down to a regularity of an election.