



## PRIME MINISTER

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PM: It was a remarkable achievement by any standards not just to found a new party in Australia but to bring it to a situation where it has such considerable power. It does hold the balance of power in Australian politics. And without any question it is Don Chipp that has done that. No one else.

JOURNALIST: How do you think the Democrats will fare without Don Chipp?

PM: It will be a much harder job for them. It is obviously impossible to quantify these things Paul, but the appeal of the Democrats has been very much the appeal of Don Chipp.

JOURNALIST: Should there be a future role for Don Chipp in Australian public life?

PM: I would be quite certain that there is some place for him yes.

JOURNALIST: So we haven't seen the last of him yet?

PM: I don't think so.

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