

PRIME MINISTER

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JOURNALIST: Mr Hawke, do you have any comment on the Pilots Federation applying to the Industrial Relations Comission to be a respondent to the IPEC award?

PM: ... about any of that area is my profound amazement at the laziness and intellectual sloth of media of Austraila who seem to find surprising a statement I issued yesterday which is a repitition of what I've said all along. That is to enunciate clearly what apparently hasn't been enunciated by their own Federation to the pilots about the possible role of the AFAP in the Commission. That has been laid down explicitly by the Commission in its decision and an opportunity has always been there provided they abide by the conditions of the Commission. It's amazing to me that —

JOURNALIST: inaudible

PM: ... understand this, haven't understood the position that's been quite clear.

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