



PRIME MINISTER

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JOURNALIST: Mr Hawke, do you agree that ...

PM: Do I agree with what?

JOURNALIST: That political advertising on television should be banned.

PM: The only thing I'll say I agree to is that it should be discussed.

JOURNALIST: Would you support a referendum giving the Commonwealth more power over the environment?

PM: Of course the Commonwealth should have more power but we have learnt about referenda that unless the Opposition are prepared to take a realistic and non-opportunistic stance on these issues they have very little chance of being carried. It might be a way to find out through discussion with the Opposition whether there is any sincerity about their new found interest in the environment.

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