



**PRIME MINISTER**

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J: What chance do you give the Party in Wills, now that you have set a date?

PM: Well, the Liberal Party have a 20 point lead in the polls. I mean for them, they ought to be regarding this as a shoe-in. So we always knew it would be a battle for us, but we'll fight it out.

J: How much time will you spend fighting it?

PM: Who got you up this early Laurie (Oakes)? Early bird catches the worm.

J: Why are you talking your chances down in Wills?

PM: Well, for the simple reason that the Labor Party's stocks have been reasonably low in the State of Victoria, and we have been 20 points behind, that's why. It is not a matter of talking it down, it's fact. But again we've got a bit of a margin there. But the by-election swings have been larger generally than our margin, notwithstanding the general situation in Victoria.

J: Will you be there very often yourself?

PM: Well, enough Laurie (Oakes), whatever that turns out to be.

J: Will you do a Bob Carr and go to the supermarkets?

PM: I don't know whether that is the thing to do, but I will do what I think is best.

J: How big a threat are independents in Wills?

PM: I don't know. I don't know. But we will fight Wills hard. We will fight Wills hard. The Labor Party stands for something. We stand for changing the State of Victoria. This statement, 'One Nation', will vastly improve the business base of Victoria, the commerce, trade, freight, new businesses, a whole new industry for Victoria and it beats taxing your Weeties and your Kelloggs at 15 per cent.

J: No tax cuts for low income earners...?

PM: We are not here for open heart surgery Paul, (Bongiorno).

J: What do you think about the cricket loss last night?

PM: Oh well.

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