

In fact Clark's made it clear he's not in favour of that kind of action. And this morning he tried to distance himself from a report that recommends a new set of sanctions.

CLARK: Here in Canberra we will consider the final report of the experts on the application and impact of sanctions. These experts are independent of our respective governments, and their conclusions and recommendations reflect their own views.

REPORTER: The Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke also suggests new sanctions are not the answer.

HAWKE: I and my government see no virtue in sanctions for the sake of sanctions.

REPORTER: But the authors of the sanctions report say keeping up the pressure is not enough. The idea is to step up economic pressure when there are signs that it's working. And they'll be making that argument when they present their report to the foreign ministers tomorrow.

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