

MINUTES

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Works was held in Room 5.04, Level 5 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Wednesday, 16 May 1990 at 1.05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr McGrady (Chairman), Mr Randell (Deputy), Messrs Berghofer, Bredhauer, Coomber, Livingstone and Ms Spence.

In attendance—Ms Keliher (Research Director), Mr Bletchly Clerk-Assistant (Committees).

**VISIT BY CHAIRMAN
OF COMMITTEES:**

Mr C. B. Campbell—MLA Bundaberg was present at the meeting in his capacity as both member of the Legislative Assembly and Chairman of Committees.

**BUNDABERG HOSPITAL
REDEVELOPMENT:**

The Committee heard Mr Campbell on matters relating to Bundaberg Hospital Redevelopment. Mr Campbell tabled a letter (15/5/90) to the Committee.

After some discussion the Committee resolved to "inform themselves further on this issue. In particular how this project was administered by clients, construction, design and funding bodies".

Moved Mr Berghofer seconded Mr Bredhauer.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS
MEETING:**

Minutes of the meeting of Thursday 3 May were confirmed. Moved Mr Bredhauer seconded Ms Spence.

**WELCOME TO RESEARCH
DIRECTOR:**

The Committee noted that Ms Keliher commenced duties on 14 May 1990. She is the first full time permanent officer to work for the Committee.

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION:

Plans for new offices on Level 6, Parliamentary Annexe are being processed.

PROJECTS OVER \$2 MILLION: The Committee will place its verbal request to the Minister for Administrative Services in writing.

**ELECTRICITY SUPPLY
TORRES STRAIT:**

Mr Bredhauer reported that 13 of the 14 islands in Torres Strait do not have reticulated electricity. The system of sharing privately owned generators is dangerous and most unsatisfactory. The present debate on hybrid or diesel generated power supplies is before Cabinet.

The Committee determined to maintain a watching brief and asked Mr Bredhauer to prepare information for the July meeting.

SUNSHINE COAST
MOTORWAY:

After some discussion of the Committee's legal rights to investigate this body the Committee determined "not to accept the referral from the Public Accounts Committee". Moved Mr McGrady seconded Mr Randell.

COMMITTEE TRAVEL
POLICY:

The Chairman restated his request for Committee members to be circumspect with expenses. Mr Bletchly informed the meeting that new and more stringent guidelines relating to travel and expenses would be in place shortly.

AUTHORIZATION UNDER
THE ACT:

The Committee determined that a letter of authorization be prepared for Ms Keliher. Moved Mr Bredhauer seconded Mr Randell.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The following issues were raised:

- the next meeting will be held in the Research Director's office 1.00 p.m. Wednesday 30 May 1990;
- the 1991 Asia-Pacific Public Works Congress and Trade Show is an event that the Committee will support. More information is necessary;
- in the long recess coming up the Committee will arrange for at least one meeting;
- Mr Randell requested lists of all Committee members' office and home contacts; and
- the Committee thanked Mr Don Bletchly for his assistance and resolved to write and thank him.

Moved Mr McGrady seconded Mr Randell.

Meeting closed at 2.07 p.m.

Confirmed this 30th day of May 1990.



CHAIRMAN