

## MINUTES

Meeting of the PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC WORKS held in Room 5.04, Parliamentary Annexe on Friday, 15 September 1989, at 10:00 a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. A.C. McPhie, M.L.A. (Chairman)  
Mr. H. Palaszczuk, M.L.A. (Deputy Chairman)  
Mr. L.A. Ardill, M.L.A.  
Mr. D.E. Beanland, M.L.A.  
Mr. C.J. Berghofer, M.L.A.  
Mr. T.S. Hynd, M.L.A.  
Mr. D.J. Slack, M.L.A.

### MINUTES OF

PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting, having been distributed previously, were taken as read. Agreed that the minutes be adopted, with amendment, as a true and accurate record of the meeting, recording that in the Inward Correspondence, item 3, it was agreed that Dr. Skinner's corrections be incorporated in the transcript, as requested, having been omitted from the previous minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: In addition to the list of correspondence previously distributed, the following was reported:

#### Inward -

1. From D. Milligan, President, The Albert Valley Progress Association Inc., in relation to his transcript of evidence from the Private Hearing of 28 August.
2. From D. Phillips re the investigation being undertaken in relation to Wolffdene Dam and the use of Mr. Ian Cameron as a specialist adviser to the Committee.
3. From the Acting Solicitor-General in relation to the Committee's request for an opinion regarding financing of public works and the "procurement" in relation to 1 December 1987.
4. From the Valuer-General in relation to valuations in the shires of Albert, Beaudesert and the City of the Gold Coast.

Outward -

1. To Mr. E.D. Casey, M.L.A. in relation to his referral of the Mackay Railway Deviation to the Committee.
2. To the Crown Solicitor seeking his opinion in relation to financing of public works and his interpretation of the meaning of "procurement" as it relates to 1 December 1987.
3. To Mr. B. Courtice, M.P. in relation to his referral to the Committee of the Bundaberg Irrigation Scheme.
4. To The Clerk of the Parliament advising him of the opinion being sought by the Chairman from the Crown Solicitor.
5. To D. Milligan acknowledging his letter of 28 August and associated papers.
6. To Mr. E.F.F. Finger, Director-General, Premier's Department, acknowledging his letter of 30 August in relation to Kingaroy Airport.

Agreed that the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be confirmed.

**KINGAROY AIRPORT:** A discussion took place in relation to the legal opinion provided by the Acting Solicitor-General in relation to funding of public works and "procurement" and how it related to Kingaroy Airport.

Agreed not to inquire into the construction of a new runway and associated facilities at Kingaroy Airport for the following reasons:

1. It was noted that
  - (a) Cabinet referred the matter to the Co-ordinator-General in June 1987;
  - (b) Cabinet approved construction of a new runway in July 1987;

- (c) funding for the project was approved in September 1987;
  - (d) first claim for payment was received in November 1987;
2. It has not been clearly established that the matter falls within the authority of the Committee to so inquire as the effective date of commencement of procurement would appear to be before 1 December 1987; and
  3. Preliminary investigations indicated that a case could be established for upgrading of the existing main runway and instrument approach aids at Kingaroy and that the work carried out was consistent with standards of airports at similar centres in Queensland -

and that Mr. Campbell be advised accordingly.

**MACKAY RAILWAY  
DEVIATION:**

The letter to Mr. Casey in relation to this project was noted.

Agreed that no further action be taken on this matter at this time.

**BUNDABERG  
IRRIGATION  
SCHEME:**

The letter to Mr. Courtice in relation to this project was noted.

Agreed that no further action be taken on this matter at this time.

**WOLFFDENE DAM:**

Copies of letters from D. Milligan, D. Phillips and the Valuer-General were distributed.

1. Agreed (a) to acknowledge letter from D. Milligan advising that corrections would be made to transcript where appropriate; (b) to advise him his comments were noted but not necessarily agreed

with, particularly in relation to the hearing; (c) the Order in Council of 27 April was the sole referral to the Committee; and (d) request for copies of reports/documents should be directed to the author/originating body and not to the Committee; and (e) that the Committee does not agree the hearings have been rushed or that they are not a serious exercise. The hearings are considered to be an important part of the overall Inquiry.

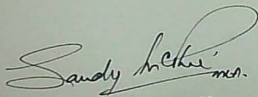
2. Agreed to acknowledge receipt of the letter from Mr. D. Phillips noting (a) that Mr. I. Cameron was engaged as a technical adviser to the Committee; (b) the Committee does not agree that the Wolffdene Dam is a "fait accompli"; and (c) the Committee is inquiring fully into the proposal and a report will be produced in due course and advising Mr. Phillips that a copy of his letter will be sent to Mr. Cameron.
3. Agreed to acknowledge letter from Valuer-General thanking him for his prompt reply and advising that confidentiality of paragraph 4 had been stressed at the meeting.

A general discussion then took place in relation to Wolffdene Dam and the report required to be tabled by 30 September 1989.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Next meeting of the Committee to be on Monday, 25 September 1989, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 5.04, Parliamentary Annexe.

Confirmed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Sep 1989.

  
Sandy Letcher M.A.

CHAIRMAN