

MINUTES

MEETING of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Works held in Room 5.04, Parliamentary Annexe on Monday, 25 September, 1989, at 3:00 p.m.

and Tuesday, 26 September

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. T.S. Hynd, M.L.A.
Mr. D.J. Slack, M.L.A.

APOLOGY: Mr. C.J. Berghofer, 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 as a true and accurate record of the meeting. **CONFIRMED.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Nil.

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

Inward -

From Mr. E.D. Casey, M.L.A. in reply to letter sent to him in relation to the Mackay Railway Deviation.

Outward -

1. To the Acting Solicitor-General thanking him for his letter of 13 September in relation to his opinion regarding the authority of the Committee.
2. To Mr. C.B. Campbell, M.L.A. advising him that the Committee decided not to inquire into the provision of a new runway and associated facilities at Kingaroy Airport.

3. To Mr. D. Milligan, President, Albert Valley Progress Association Inc. in reply to his letter of 10 September and advising him amendments to his transcript had been referred to the Chief Hansard Reporter.
4. To Mr. D. Phillips in reply to his letter of 12 September and notifying him that a copy of his letter was to be forwarded to Mr. Ian Cameron for reference.
5. Letters to Messrs Palaszczuk, Ardill, Beanland, Berghofer, Hynd and Slack in relation to travelling allowances for members of Committee.
6. Letter to Mr. McPhie advising him his claim for travelling allowance to travel to Parliament House to study submissions in relation to Wolffdene Dam had been rejected and outlining travelling allowances available to members of the Committee.

WOLFFDENE DAM:

- (i) Members were advised that no decision had yet been made in relation to the recommendations contained in the Buffer Zone Report.
- (ii) A discussion took place in relation to a press release by the Minister for Water Resources and Maritime Services regarding Wolffdene Dam.

Agreed that a letter be written to the Honourable the Speaker requesting his ruling regarding the Minister's press release and possible breach of Parliamentary Privilege as the subject matter is still before the Committee.

- (iii) A discussion took place in relation to the draft report. Each paragraph was read to the Committee and agreed to or amended, as appropriate. Mr. Ardill and Mr. Palaszczuk indicated their objection to certain parts of the report. A statement setting out the reasons for their disagreement was distributed.

Agreed that the amendments be included in a further draft to be presented to a continuation of this meeting tomorrow and members have an opportunity to consider the summary by Mr. Palaszczuk and Mr. Ardill in detail.

GENERAL BUSINESS: A discussion took place in relation to the letter from Mr. Casey concerning the Mackay Railway Deviation.

Agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Casey acknowledging his letter and advising him that time constraints preclude the present Committee from investigating the matter.

The meeting was then adjourned to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 26 September 1989.

Resumption of meeting from 25 September 1989.

PRESENT: Mr. C.J. Berghofer, M.L.A. now present.

CORRESPONDENCE: B. Further correspondence reported to Committee.

Inward -

1. From the Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia, Queensland (Union of Employees) regarding whether the Committee had decided that what the Association had referred to the Committee was not in the terms of reference of the Act or whether a bureaucrat had made the decision.
2. From the Commissioner for Water Resources in relation to the transcript of the evidence he gave at the Private Hearing on 8 September 1989.

Outward -

1. To the Honourable the Speaker seeking his opinion relating to comments by the Minister for Water Resources and Maritime Services.

A draft of the letter to Mr. E.D. Casey, M.L.A. was circulated and agreed to.

MATTERS ARISING FROM

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to be sent to the Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia advising them that it was a Committee decision that their referral did not come within the terms of reference of the Public Works Act.

WOLFFDENE DAM:

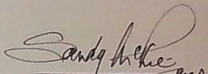
The further draft of the report, having been previously distributed, was considered. Further amendments proposed.

1. Agreed that these amendments be adopted.
2. The general findings of the Committee were agreed to by a majority of members. However, under Standing Order No. 203, Mr. Ardill and Mr. Palaszczuk requested a statement of reasons for their disagreement (as previously distributed) be appended to the report.
3. Agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Ian Cameron requesting agreement for his three Hearing reports being forwarded to the Minister for Water Resources and Maritime Services for consideration.

NEXT MEETING:

A further meeting to be held on Wednesday, 27 September 1989, at a time to be advised to further consider the report.

Confirmed this 27th day of September 1989.


Chairman MCA.