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Conditions Found at Wittenoom Gorge

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THE HON. MINISTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH.

I was up in Wittenoom Gorge at the end of 1948, and found that the dust hazard in the present asbestos plant must be very serious. The whole of the surroundings within a radius of one mile or more were smothered with the dust which is produced in the treatment. As far as was ascertainable very few, if any, precautions were taken. Asbestos dust if inhaled constitutes a very grave risk and is, if anything, worse than silicosis.

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20th February, 1950.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

