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Wittenoom Gorge

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The Commissioner of Public Health
Perth

Dear Sir,

In reference to the position regarding medical facilities at Wittenoom we would appreciate the latest advice regarding the erection of a hospital, and provision of a resident doctor.

The present population of the township and the mine settlement is slightly over 300 people, including 40 women and about 45 children, and the addition of a further 10 families is anticipated by the end of the year.

Although we are very fortunate in our First Aid Nurse, Mrs P. Tangney, the absence of a fully qualified doctor and hospital facilities has been keenly felt recently, when there has been a good deal of sickness, some accidents, and several maternity cases. Due to causes outside his control the Flying Doctor has been able to call at Wittenoom only twice in five weeks, and he also is very concerned about the inadequate attention given this centre.

We understand that plans of a proposed hospital have been drawn up, and we would appreciate advice regarding progress.

Yours faithfully,
AUSTRALIAN BLUE ASBESTOS LIMITED

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