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GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Memorandum. MINES DEPARTMENT. CUE, 14th February.

To The State Mining Engineer,
Mines Department,
PERTH.

17 FEB 1950
RECORDS OFFICE

Re Wittenoom Gorge Plant. File 1301/47.

I have received your memo of 6th instant.

On 19th and 20th ultimo, I visited and inspected the workings of this mine and found conditions generally fairly good. As I was going out with another man on a jeep, to look at certain machinery, there is every possibility that the Management was aware of my intentions and had conditions prepared.

My only complaints at the time were that boggers were not using the water hoses supplied, to water broken stone, and that venturis were not being kept close enough to faces. Regarding venturis, I think that I ~~must~~ insist they be kept closer to faces than do other Inspectors.

Owing to storms approaching, I could not delay any longer at the Gorge.

On both days, there was a mild gale blowing up the Gorge and there was certainly dust blowing through the mill, but most of this was natural dust from outside. I should think that the mill, situated in the Gorge would always have windy conditions.

I can quite visualise that conditions normally would be fairly dusty and the only way to overcome this would be to totally enclose the milling section and install numerous dust collectors in the ceiling. However, I do not know where they would get the necessary building material.

Workmen's Inspector Hunter was to visit the mine last week, and I am waiting on his report. In the meantime I have written to the Management, requesting they ~~enclose the~~ enclose the Milling Section and install exhaust dust collector

DISTRICT INSPECTOR OF MINES.

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