

1st August 1961

Dr. H. Maynard Rennie,
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My dear Ted,

Further to the possibility of your coming over to Wittenoom I have had a lengthy consultation with Don Letham regarding plane timetables and the like. It would seem that the most suitable programme would be for you to leave Sydney on a Friday, arriving in Perth on Friday night. On Saturday it would be arranged for you to confer with Dr. Letham and Dr. McNulty and to see in the flesh, with accompanying films, not less than ten ex-Wittenoom workers who are currently under medical treatment in various hospitals in the Perth District suffering from asbestosis or silicosis. We would hope that you would take the evening meal with us on the Saturday and would fly to Wittenoom on Sunday morning leaving Perth in the wee small hours. You would then have most of Sunday, all of Monday and Tuesday and portion of Wednesday morning in Wittenoom which should give both you and the ventilation engineer ample time to see the situation on the spot. Wednesday's 1.10 p.m. plane would get you to Perth before dinner and you could then either retire to your couch or again do us the honour. Thursday could be spent in consultation with Letham and McNulty, and possibly with your office people. You could then go back to Sydney by the night plane on Thursday, by the morning plane on Friday, or by the night plane on Friday as you wished.

I do most sincerely hope that you can see your way clear to follow our suggestions. The saving of life would undoubtedly result and further the step would raise considerably the estimation in which the Company is held in these parts by the Health Authorities. Since I last wrote I have seen several more of the films of the patients currently under treatment in Perth; they would not constitute very good propaganda for health in the asbestos industry.

With best regards,

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