

UNDER SECRETARY FOR MINES.

Inspector Boyland visited Wittenoom Gorge on the 18th and 20th January. His report is at page 139, file 1301/47, tied up herewith. You will note that he has requested the Company to enclose the milling section and instal exhaust dust collectors.

I personally feel that an instruction is required rather than a request, although, as the Inspector remarks, it will be difficult to secure the necessary material.

A further report from Workmen's Inspector Hunter at page 144 on the same file states that nothing has been done to improve the ventilation and that the venturis are still not carried into the face. He proposes to recommend a prosecution if there is not immediate improvement in this matter, and I propose to concur in such recommendation.

At page 141 the Acting Manager reports the appointment of Mr. T. Powell, a surveyor well and favourably known to me, as Ventilation Officer. It is hoped that this appointment will have the desired effect.

I propose to have this matter followed up and to take whatever steps may be necessary to enforce compliance with the Regulations.

1st March, 1950.
JSP/S.

John T. Powell
STATE MINING ENGINEER.

REPLY TO MEMO:

The position is as set out above by the State Mining Engineer, and I would record that his report might be forwarded on to the Hon. Minister for Health for perusal by the Commissioner of Public Health.

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