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Wittenoom Gorge

14th June, 1949

TOWNSHIP

The Managing Director,
Australian Blue Asbestos Limited,
S Y D N E Y : N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

WATER SUPPLY. The Engineer for the North West has raised the question of control and administration of the Wittenoom water service. As we shall be expected to operate the service the Department is keen that we take over the full responsibility, make a charge for the water and pay the Government interest on their outlay. Maintenance would probably have to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Department.

Discussion to date have been brief but the main features of the proposal are as follows :-

1. The service consisting of mains, tank and township reticulation to be installed and financed by the Government at an estimated cost of £25,000.

2. A.B.A. Limited to attend to administration and maintenance of the service and pay the Government a fee to cover amortisation at the rate of approximately 3% on £25,000.

The proposed 4" diameter main will carry, without boosting, 65,000 to 70,000 gallons per day. Assuming a daily usage of 50,000 gallons, a fee of 2/6 per thousand gallons would return £2,275 per annum. More than half of this would, of course, be used by projects operated by the Company and in connection with accommodating single men, street beautification, etc. Maintenance should be very light for some

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years and an annual allowance of £750 should be more than sufficient during the 30-40 years life of the installation. A life of 30-40 years has been quoted by the Engineer for the North West.

It is suggested that we agree to administrate the service along the lines proposed by the Department and your early comments would be appreciated. The President of the Arbitration Court has asked us to quote the probable charges to the householders for power and water, and should you agree to the above proposal and fee, assuming the figures to be correct, we shall finalise with the Government and adopt or alter the fee accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Manager