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HON. MINISTER FOR LABOUR:

With ¹⁵reference to your minute of the 18th November (see folio 15), the question of extending the operations of the Factories & Shops Act has received the consideration of the Chief Inspector of Factories.

He arranged for a proclamation to be put up to extend the operations to Wittenoom Gorge, but after giving the matter consideration, as disclosed by this file, I took the matter up with the Solicitor General, and he points out that that the Factories & Shops Act does not include any mine or colliery, and as the works at Wittenoom Gorge apparently constitute a mine it is not possible to cover them under the Factories & Shops Act.

Therefore it appears as if we cannot assist the Minister for Health in her efforts to enforce improvements and improved working conditions for the employees at the Asbestos Works.

15th Dec. 1949.
CR/HE.

C. G. Lewis
SECRETARY FOR LABOUR.

THE HON. MINISTER FOR HEALTH.

As requested in your minute of the 17th ultimo, the above comments by my Secretary for Labour are forwarded for your information, please.

20th December, 1949.

L. Thorn
MINISTER FOR LABOUR.

Com Peter Hare *To 90/12*

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